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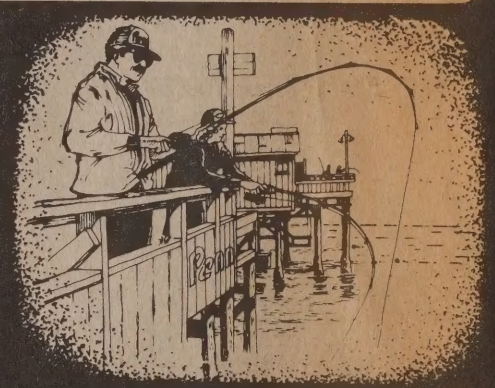

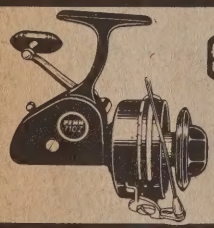

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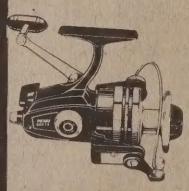

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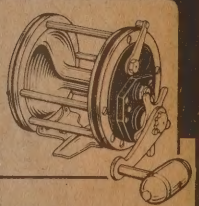

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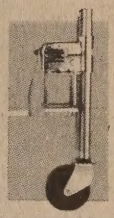

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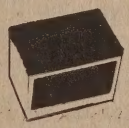

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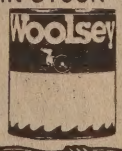

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Dear Corporate Contributor;

The last derby for 1986 is over and it was a huge success. 794 people participated in this last derby. We'd like to thank you very much for your support of these worthwhile events.

We also thought you might like some feedback about the derbies and the Fisherman Sportfishing Fund that is supported by the $5 entry fee.

More than 2500 people participated in the 1986 slate of derbies, making these the second most participated-in amateur sporting events on Long Island. In addition, as more and more people come to understand what the derbies are all about, there is greater enthusiasm.

This year The Fund had sufficient monies to allow support of local projects that can enhance inshore recreational fishing. In June, after gaining approval from Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commision, The Fund supported The Long Island Beach Buggy Association and independent surf fisherman to construct a fence system at Gilgo Beach that opened new access for four-wheel drive vehicles. In September, we dedicated three (3) fishing cleaning stations; one at Captree and two at the Jones Beach piers, which have recieved steady use. At this writing the fund will pay for the towing of a barge to the site of the Iberia wreck. This project is being done in cooperation with the Long Island Divers Association. By the time you read this letter, the barge may have already been sunk providing improved bottom fishing for near-shore anglers for many years to come.

Again thanks for your support. Without the tackle, equipment, and other ancillary prizes you have provided, the success of these events would not have been possible. We will be contacting you in December about the 5 derbies for 1987. We hope you will again participate.

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In this week's issue, Fisherman readers will get a preview of many new tackle items slated for the shelves in 1987. In some cases, the product is already available. You'll find special features focusing on offshore, inshore, surf and freshwater tackle between pages 14 and 29. Fred Laager photo.

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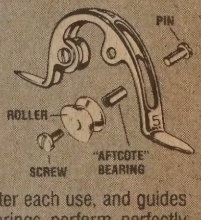

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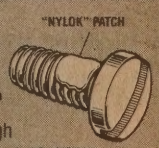

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If it's features you're after in a spin cast reel, the M-16's left/right retrieve is one that's sure to impress. Both the M-16 and X-15 feature a smooth asbestos drag washer system and optional silent anti-reverse. Attention to detail and an innovative design make these reels a must for 1987.

For more information on the Sigma M-16 and Alpha X-15 spin cast reels, contact Paul Towler, Promotions Manager, P.O. Drawer S., Columbia, SC 29260; (803) 754-7540.

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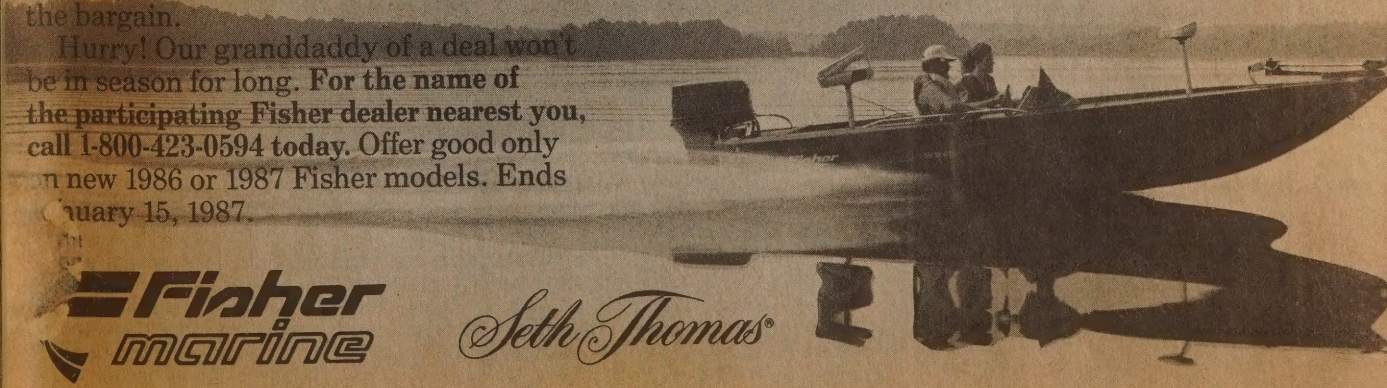

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It gets its name from the famous Case double X tang stamp, indicating that the blade has been both heat treated and tempered.

The handle design is similar to Case's popular 2159 lock blade. The XX-Changer features rosewood handles with brass bolsters and liners. The oversize pivot pin is stainless steel for extra strength and is highlighted against the brass bolster.

The four blades are all made from Case Tru-Sharp (TM) surgical steel. The blades are clip, drop point, fillet and saw with a screwdriver tip.

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W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company is a subsidiary of American Brands, Inc. Case manufacturing facilities have been located in Bradford, Pennsylvania since 1905.

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Now fishermen have an alternative to plastic twisters, with the introduction of the new Uncle Josh Pork Grub.

The new Uncle Josh Pork Grub is made from naturally strong pigskin, that won't tear or rip like plastic. It features a thick, fleshy body with a special curly tail that constantly ripples and wiggles at any speed retrieve. And it is fished in the same manner as plastic twisters—on jigs, the keeper hook, spinnerbaits, spoons and more.

The new Uncle Josh Pork Grub provides several important advantages over plastic twisters: it won't tear or rip, can be fished all day; it remains soft and supple in any water temperature; features its own proven pork rind scent—and absorbs spray-on scents better than most artificial lures.

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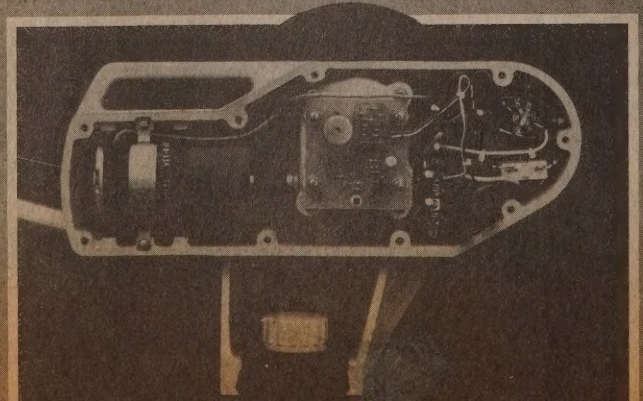

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VIDEOS FOR FISHERMEN

by Pete Barrett

Tuna Mania, Murray Brothers, 207 E. Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL 33404. Approx. 60 minutes.

Ed Murray is one of the greats in the select world of giant tuna fishermen and this video goes into extensive detail about his methods and techniques used to fool these magnificent fish. The action shots were taped aboard the "Cookie Too," a beautiful Merritt that spends much of each year chasing giant bluefins from Cat Cay to Canada under the capable hand of Ed's son, Cookie.

There are some brief action shots at the start of the tape, but then it quickly gets down to the nitty-gritty with Tim Davis, of Murray Brothers famous Palm Beach store, doing an excellent job of taking the viewer from rigging the rods and reels, through splicng double line, making leaders and setting up the tackle properly to battle huge fish.

Tim then shows with close-ups and easy to follow narration how to rig mackerel and mullet for giants, how to build fish-catching spreader bar rigs with multiple squids and how to rig gaffs and other equipment. He also shows how to use a bucket harness to fight big fish and a host of other tackle tips that are valuable for everything from canyon tuna to sharks.

The final half of the tape is a continuous run of one giant after another crashing spreader rigs, demolishing trolled baits and the red hot action at boatside as giants are gaffed and boated. Several giants are carefully revived at boatside as the mate holds the leader and swims the fish back to life before being released.

The first half of the video is highly technical and great for reference; the second half is rare action and great viewing at any time.

All New Fly Casting Techniques, by Lefty Kreh. Outdoor Safaris International, 1221 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663. Approximate time: 36 minutes.

Lefty Kreh is synonymous with fly casting and he has no equal when it comes to teaching the fine points of his proven techniques to veteran fly casters who need a "tune-up" or to

newcomers who have not yet wet a line.

In this excellent video, Lefty takes first timer, Marsha Williams, from the basics through to more advanced casting techniques and finally takes her out on a western stream for a chance at some good trout fishing. Marsha masters not only the basics of fly casting but also ends up with a trophy 6 pound brown trout under Lefty's guidance.

This video is pure technique, but it is done so well that it isn't the least bit boring. It's fun to watch and to see this master of the long rod make things look so easy is very enjoyable.

Fly fishermen, whether saltwater or freshwater oriented, will find this to be a valuable investment and refer to it time and time again.

Sportsman's Workbench Knots, presented by *Salt Water Sportsman*, 186 Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111. Approximately 30 minutes.

Rip Cunningham and Barry Gibson of "Salt Water Sportsman" magazine worked together to present what could be a dry topic into an interesting, entertaining video. While a lot of fishermen may feel they know it all when it comes to tying knots, a careful viewing of this video reveals many tricks to tie better knots that are stronger and slip free. I picked up several tips, and fishing buddies who have seen it have also been pleasantly surprised to find many helpful tips and hints in the presentation.

Rip and Barry take you through the basic knots like the clinch, Palomar, several variations of the Uni-Knot and then into more difficult knots like the bimini, Spider Hitch and offshore knot.

The package is well presented, the close-ups of the knots very clear and easy to follow. While this isn't the kind of video you take out to show at a party, as a reference tape it is valuable and will be referred to many times over.

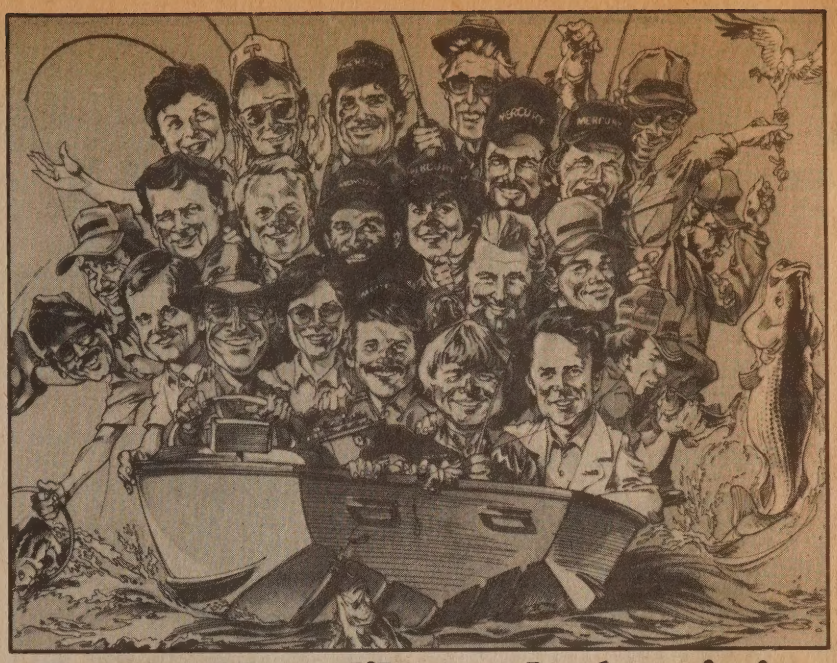
The Big Fish, Acme Video, 76-823 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HA 96740. Approximately 25 minutes.

Hawaii is famous for its huge marlin and this video focuses on a Kona tournament to blend aerial views of the Hawaiian coast with tournament fishing action.

Several marlin are shown, plus a yellowfin tuna and the start of a typical billfish tournament with sport boats rushing to the marlin grounds. It is interesting footage and although the narration lacks enthusiasm there are several jumping sequences with blue marlin that more than make up for it.

The tournament winning fish is taken aboard Bart Miller's well known "Black Bart" charter boat and shows how live bait is caught, then fished and finally eaten by a blue marlin.

This video is worth it for the entertainment value even if you never plan to get to Hawaii. It is fun to watch and few tapes have as many jump shots of big fish.



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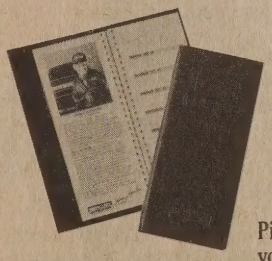

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

What is your opinion of spin cast type reels for saltwater use? The reason I ask is that I am a newcomer to ocean fishing and am not sure what kind of tackle to buy. I have used a spin cast reel when fishing freshwater lakes while on a family vacation, but other than that my experience at any kind of fishing is very limited.

I do plan to take up the sport this coming season and will be buying my tackle during the winter when I can pick up some bargains at the sport shows, so please answer as soon as you can. *Benjamin Brown.*

Dear Ben,

I would suggest you visit some local tackle shops and try the tackle they have in stock. That does not mean you cannot use the spin cast type reels, only that you may find some other type casting or spinning more suits your specific needs.

We've used spin cast reels when fishing freshwater and found them suitable for some situations and not for others. If we had to pick and choose we'd probably go with an open face spinning reel since they are relatively easy to master and are built to withstand the abuse that goes hand in hand with saltwater fishing.

Pricewise, you'll probably spend about the same amount of money to purchase a quality spin cast reel as you would when buying a spin cast model and in our opinion you will get more benefit from the open face model.

But, don't go by our personal likes or dislikes. Try both and make your own choice.

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Dear Doc,

I have a few questions that you may be able to help me with. When my wife and I go to O.C. for our vacation in October we do as much surf fishing as possible. I buy a small pack of leader material from one of the tackle shops. It is 40# test and looks pink to me. My question is, can you use regular fishing line in 40# test for leader material or is this a special line for leaders? Also, I have two sons who are starting to surf fish.

I enjoy making leaders in the winter for something to do. When I go into a tackle shop I notice they have all kinds of rigs made up in different color floats. Could you tell me where they buy these floats? I would like to find a place I could buy them by the gross. I can't find them in my book, Net Craft, Tackle Box, Bass Pro Shop, Cabela's, etc. Thank yo for your time. *Joseph Norman.*

Dear Joseph,

You can use regular fishing line for leaders, but it is not as durable. Leader material is stiffer and has more abrasion resistance. The stiffness of leader material will keep your rigs from tangling and when you are fishing rocky areas where the leader must come in contact with sharp edged rocks or other underwater obstructions, you will find it pays to use leader material to keep rig losses to a minimum.

The cork floats you mention can be purchased from several outlets and are very inexpensive. Most mail order houses that cater to "do it yourselfers" carry the floats in a variety of sizes and colors and sell them in bulk amounts.

You might try contacting one of the tackle shops in your area. Most shops that are found along the coastal area will have the cork floats in red, green or bright yellow. There's a short string attached to the cork so you can pull the leader material through the cork and then snell your hooks or make the perfection loop.

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Dear Doc,

I have acquired several bamboo rods from a friend. All of the guides have to be rewrapped or replaced. Where can I get agate guides to replace those that are broken?

What materials should I use to rewrap the guides? I am afraid some of the chemicals might damage the bamboo or the finish on the bamboo.

In addition, the bamboo looks like it has a coat of varnish or something similar to that. Should I coat them with something to protect and preserve them?

Other than replacing the guides, the rods are in great shape and I would like to restore them to as close to their original condition as possible. Any advice you can give me is greatly appreciated. *Peter L. Bunting.*

Dear Peter,

You will not locate agate guides easily. I'd suggest you visit one of the collector's shows this winter and ask around to see if anyone has some to sell. I must warn you, however, that agate guides are in very short supply and usually demand top dollar.

Most bamboo rods will have a build-up of old varnish from years gone by. The finish may be chipped or peeled or may appear sound, but I'd remove it and start fresh. The quickest and easiest way to remove old varnish is by using a commercially prepared varnish remover. It should not damage the bamboo. If you attempt to scrape the varnish off the bamboo there is a chance you'd gouge the fiber.

You can purchase thread that is made specifically for rod building at most area tackle shops. Pick the type that is NCP, meaning you will not have to use color preserver before applying a coat of rod varnish over the newly wrapped guides. Don't try to put the rod finish on heavy. Use two, three or as many coats of finisher as you need to fill the spaces between each wrap and then apply one more coat to give the newly finished rod a professional appearance.

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Dear Doc,

Last week a friend of mine came over with an old fishing pole and asked me what I thought it was worth. He wants to find out how old it is and if it has any value to a collector.

If not, he wants to buy a reel for it and use it. Maybe you could advise us. It is a 5 foot wooden pole with a 9 inch removable handle made of aluminum (see photo) with a cork handle. It has the name Langley, San Diego, Calif, Model 1010, pat. appld. for.

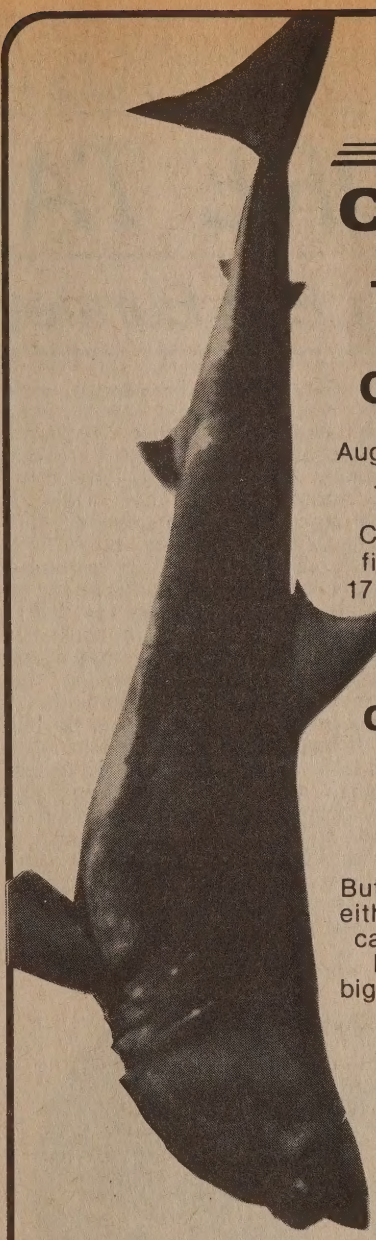
Charlie Volkmann.

Dear Charles,

I don't have the slightest idea of what that rod might be worth. Collectors never state an "exact" amount when discussing prices for old or antique quipment so there are just too many variables that must be taken into consideration. Condition of the item is what determines its total value. A rod that is "beat" may bring only a couple dollars, while the same rod in mint condition could easily be worth hundreds.

I'd suggest you take the rod to one of the collector's shows this winter and see what they are willing to pay for it. Another suggestion is to contact Steven K. Vernon, 145 Ellis Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Vernon authored "Antique Fishing Reels" and is an expert at antique tackle of all types.

At any rate, I would not use the rod for if it does not have value today, it could be worth some money later on down the road. I do know the Langley casting rods were used by many original bait casting enthusiasts and I'd almost bet your friend will have no trouble whatsoever finding a buyer for the rod.



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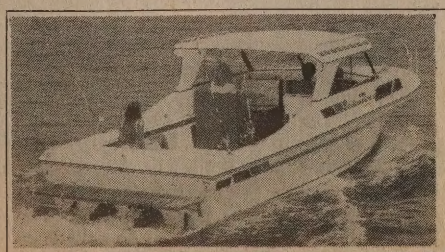

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INSHORE TACKLE

by Eric Burnley

Every summer, the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association holds a major show to preview the new tackle for the upcoming year. I attended this year's extravaganza in Dallas, Texas with the assignment of finding out what is in store for the inshore saltwater angler. Believe me when I say the tackle manufacturers have not forgotten this segment of the fishing public. One company, Shimano, said they experienced heavy growth in this area primarily because they had introduced new products targeted for our kind of fishing. Historically, the saltwater market had been considered flat, but a spokesman for Shimano told us he found the saltwater angler hungry for new products if those products were designed for his type of fishing. The market had been flat because few new products were available.

Shimano has several ideas that they hope will appeal to saltwater fishermen. They believe a high speed, level wind, lever drag reel is what the saltwater angler is looking for. They have introduced several models in both spinning and conventional that combine these features. That's right, a level drag, high speed spinning reel.

The Triton Baitrunner model BTR 3500P, 4500P and 6500P spinning reels, have a level drag adjustment on the face that can be preset to a maximum drag. When a fish is hooked it can be fought from minimum to maximum drag simply by moving the lever. You can never exceed the maximum which will allow you to put all the pressure on the fish that the line can take without worrying about exceeding the limit and breaking the line. This reel also has Shimano's free spool or bait runoff feature which allows line to move off the reel without drag and without opening the bail. This is very popular with those who use bait and want the fish to run with their offering before setting the hook.

In the conventional line, Shimano introduced two small lever drag TLDs: the 20 and 25. Like their larger offshore models, these reels combine stainless steel ball bearings, a titanium drag, a graphite/titanium body and lots of line capacity. They should be perfect for inshore shark and tuna fishing.

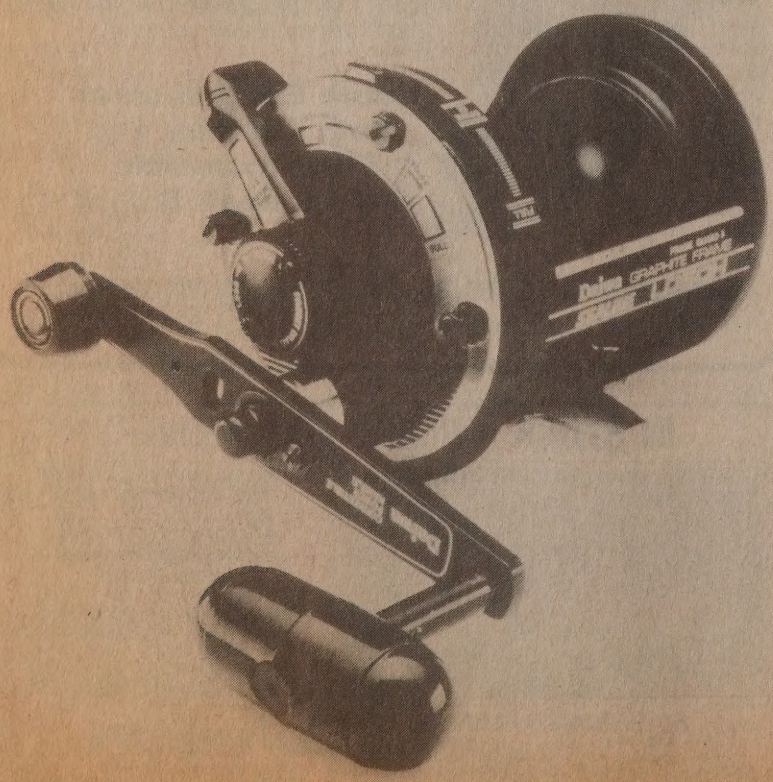
Another new reel from Shimano combines lever drag and level wind for the first time. They call this the Triton Charter Special because it can be used effectively by novice anglers who may not know how to lay line on a reel. The reel comes in two sizes: a 1000 and 2000 with line capacity of 390 yards of 12 on the 1000 and 480 yards of 14 on the 2000. These reels should be perfect for bluefish and false albacore. They would also work well with downriggers as the level wind makes lowering and raising the lure much easier.

Daiwa has introduced a lever drag model for their Sealine Series of reels. The Sealine reel has been around for quite awhile and is well proven on a variety of saltwater fish. The new LD30H and LD50H employ all the well tested features of other Sealine reels plus the convenience and dependability of a lever drag system.

There are two other features that make the Daiwa LD30H and LD50H particularly attractive to inshore saltwater anglers. The first is a disc brake cast control that turns these trolling reels into casting reels. I know I have had more than one occasion when I wanted to cast a lure to surface feeding fish, but with only trolling reels rigged and ready, casting just wasn't practical. That problem has now been solved.

The LD30H and LD50H can be taken down without tools for quick spool changes and easy drag maintenance. The drag should not require too much maintenance because it is made of oversize washers cooled by a finned aluminum heat sink. It is designed to work well even when wet or overlubricated.

The reels are constructed on a graphite frame and have a line guard on the crossbar to protect the line. The handle is counterbalanced and has a short position for speed or a long position for power. The gear ratio for both reels is 4.5 and the LD30H holds 380 yards of 14 pound line, while the LD50H takes 450 yards



Daiwa Sealine Lever Drag LD50H.

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Many saltwater anglers prefer spinning reels and there were many new models displayed at the AFTMA Show. Ryobi has designed a series of saltwater spinning reels with graphite construction and large line capacity. The DC3, 4 and 5 reels should fill the needs of any inshore angler, be it in the bays, rivers or open ocean.

In addition to the graphite construction of the frame these reels also employ a graphite spool with a heat dissipator to contain the two-disc front drag system. A large aluminum oxide line roller protects the line, gear ratios are 4.6:1 on the DC 3 and 4.3:1 on the DC 4 and 5. Line capacity is 260 yards of 10 pound test on the DC 3, 380 yards of 12 on the DC 4 and 400 yards of 15 on the DC 5.

While reels are very important they aren't much good without a matching rod and there will be plenty to choose from this year. Construction of rods with 100 percent graphite seems to be the big selling point for 1987 and this is good news for those of us who appreciate maximum sensitivity when bucktailing or bait fishing.

Berkley has a full line of 100 percent graphite rods beginning with their Series One models. These rods feature Fuji SIC guides and species cork grips plus on the casting models the blank is exposed under the reel seat so you actually grip the blank for maximum sensitivity. These rods are constructed with Linear Graphite and all fibers run lengthwise along the blank. According to the folks at Berkley this will give you the ultimate in sensitivity.

One feature I liked on the Berkley rods and on the Mitchell Purebred 100s is the return to cork grips. Hypalon may be soft and comfortable but it acts as a shock absorber. Why make 100 percent graphite rods with fantastic sensitivity, then dampen it with soft grips?

The fine rods from Mitchell and Berkley will be great for bucktailing with light tackle, but if you troll for blues or chum for sharks you need a much more powerful rod. Penn has come out with a series of inshore rods called Power Sticks. They have seven conventional models and three spinning rods, all of which are designed to go with one or more of their excellent saltwater reels. The PC 3811M and PC 3821MH are the two newest rods in this line and they have powerful tapers to haul big blues, cobia, tuna and sharks up to the boat. Both rods are 7 feet long, with the PC 3811M rated for medium action with lures from 3/4 to 3 ounces. The PC 3821MH is a heavy rod rated for weights between 1 and 6 ounces. The PC 3811M would make a great jigging rod if matched to the new 320GTI high speed level wind reel. The PC 3821MH would be great for sharking if matched to a 3/0 or 4/0 Senator.

Shakespeare came out with a few new twists in the rod building field. They introduced a Monitor Rod that has a temperature probe in the tiptop with a digital readout on the butt. You can check surface water temperature to a tolerance of +1 degree with the 98 percent graphite Kwick Taper rod.

Another little electrical device on an Ugly Stik blank converts it into a nightlight. This gives you all the features of an Ugly Stik plus a lighted tip for night fishing.

Finally, there are the Shakespeare Variable Action Rods. These combine two blanks: a 98 percent graphite blank inside an E-type fiberglass blank. By adjusting the inside blank you can modify your rod through an infinite number of settings that will allow you to use line from 6 to 25 pounds. These rods employ special cork grips, graphite filled reel seats and Fuji Hardloy guides. They may be the answer for those who seek one rod capable of handling a variety of inshore saltwater fishing situations.

These rods and reels are only a part of the AFTMA Show. There were new electronic gadgets, new fishing lines, new lures and more accessory items than you can imagine. Some of these are covered elsewhere in this issue and others will show up in our Products Test throughout the year.

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OFFSHORE TACKLE

by Pete Barrett

The American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association Show held this past summer in Dallas was, as usual, overwhelmed by the "bassin' and hawgin'" guys with worms of every color and size oozing off the walls, crankbaits swimming in mad circles in small tanks and hundreds of other lures and bass fishing items vividly shown in display after display. As I looked out over the veranda from the press room I wondered if I'd see anything for the offshore fisherman.

Happily, there were numerous small displays tucked in among all the bass hoopla. In fact, the first display I saw as I walked into the huge convention hall was Boone Baits with several new tuna lures and marlin birds. From there, it just got better; all it took was a little patience to find the offshore people.

Several trends are continuing and expanding in the big game market: more lever drag reels in the smaller sizes, more California style rods with short butts and light tips and more emphasis on tubular framed reels. Let's take a walk through the show and see what's new for the offshore fisherman.

Shimano's excellent TTS series lever drag reels continue with the TTS 30, TTS 50, TTS 50W and TTS 80W. In the smaller TLD lever drag series the line-up has been expanded to include the new TLD 20 and TLD 25. I had a chance to fish prototypes of these reels in Key West this past spring and they are honeys.

Their rod line has been expanded with the new graphite composite Tuna Takers, Live Bait series and a pair of stand-up trolling rods. They all feaure high quality components chosen for strength and light weight.

Penn has long been the leader in the offshore tackle world with their International series. Not resting on past laurels, they are introducing several new models each year. A two speed 50SW attracted admiring glances as did Penn's three new tubular frame reels: the 50T, 80T and 80TW. The 50SW is a smaller version of the 80SW and features two different gear ratios for fast retrieves of lures or baits or for low speed pumping power for fighting fish.

Their rod line, new last year, has taken off like a rocket and new for this year are the Tuna Sticks, a series of short butt, light tip rods that are ideal for stand-up fishing like we have at the canyons. Penn previewed its new 12 and 20 pound class International II spinning rods.

A 4/0 size lever drag reel with a graphite body is also new. Labeled the 40GLS, the reel features ball bearings, multi-disc HT100 drag system.

Daiwa's venerable and trusted Sealine reels have been complemented with a pair of lever drag reels they call the LD30H and LD50H. Both would be ideal for light tackle sharking and tuna trolling or chunking. I ordered one of these reels and hope to use it over the winter for a springtime product review. The Sealine Tournament series remains unchanged; no need to update these reels which have been building a reputation as being strong, durable and long lasting.

The rod selection from Daiwa features the Powerlift series for chunking and stand-up big game fishing and the IGFA Tournament series with their custom-like finish and choice of guides and hardware.

Mitchell showed off its President series of 4/0 to 12/0 big game fishing reels which remain unchanged since last year, but with greater availability planned for 1987. These are jewel-like reels and should go over very well with offshore anglers who want the very best possible.

Sabre is among the largest of American rod crafters and its introduction of the Stroker rods to the East Coast has literally made tackle history. These high-leverage rods have captured everyone's imagination and now most companies have similar rods as they try to take advantage of this growing market.

The concept of shortening rods to give an angler more leverage against the fish certainly is not new. In its angling rules, for instance, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) requires that the tip section of a rod be at least 40 inches long and the butt section be no more than 27 inches long. All the new stand-up rods meet these specifications.

The Sabre line has been expanded and now includes straight and bent butt designs, plus some new additions to the selection. There are three prices ranges to choose from, so a Sabre can fit into any pocketbook or budget.

Fenwick's line now has the Pacifistiks with yelloe blanks; Pacificstiks Royale with blue blanks and the thicker-walled, slower action Hotsiks with the goldenrod blanks for the stand-up tuna battlers. The standard IGFA style trolling rods with Aftco aluminum butts are now available in black or white blanks and boast an exceptionally fine finish job.

Shakespeare's White Tiger series now has several stand-up models from 30 to 50 lb. classes and also in 80 and 130 lb. classes. The new Ugly Stik "Big Water" line-up has taken on 20, 30 and 50 lb. class rods.

Berkley introduced 13 saltwater rods for 1987 that would interest big game anglers, including some heavy duty models which come with either Fuji Hardaloy guides or Aftco rollers and will handle lines of 50 to 100 lb. test. The Berkley rods sport custom designed foregrips and removable butt caps.

Berkley also continues to market its high quality monofilament *Big Game* line that has been responsible for taking several world record fish. It's tough, strong and spools well on larger reels.

Kunnan, another rod innovator, introduced the expanded Hot Rail line of high-leverage rods that are among 27 new models being offered by the company. **Silstar's** new high-leverage line of rods is called the Ramrod series and **Reliance** displayed a Blue Water series rods in the 30, 50 and 80 lb. classes.

Pflueger is back in business after a brief hiatus and they really knocked everyone's eye out with their Contender series offshore rods. The Ranger and Ranger I series are made in both East and West Coast tapers and sport some custom style wraps that are unequalled by most factory built rods.

The monofilament line business was once the province of Ande, Stren, Trilene and Maxima, but now there are many new brands, or old brands that are making stronger efforts to gain market acceptance. Among the new line offerings are Hi-Seas, Pflueger Contender, Royal Bonnyl from Garcia and Shakespeare's Sigma.

Maxima displayed its new big game leader coilers and a new color: Hawaiian Silver. The new leader dispensers hold 55 yard coils of 100 to 300 lb. test line. Pearlescent is a new color for Maxima that combines the unique properties of high visiblity above the water for angler visibility but invisibility below the water so fish can't see it.

Triple Fish now has non-spill wrist

Short butt tuna sticks have been added to Penn's hot new rod line.

spools that hold 50 yards of 15 to 300 lb. test monofilament as well as 4/0 filler spools in 20 to 80 lb. test. **Gudebrod**, long famous in the braided line business, showed off its new Master Troll monofilament. Gudebrod's braided lines continue unchanged.

Another new offering is Sufix Toplon, which is a copolymer monofilament in 2 to 500 lb. test spools and leader packs. **Hi-Seas Regal** is a monofilament developed by a West German company and offers high-impact strength and controlled stretch, plus vacuum packaging for long shelf life.

Berkley and DuPont are still at war with their monofilaments (or should we say multifilaments) and this spells good things for fishermen, since both companies continue to stretch the limits of new line innovations as they keep introducing new breakthroughs in line technology. Stren's Prime and Berkley's TriMax are both top grade lines that will take a lot of punishment from big fish.

Lumalure Company of Bellingham, Washington introduced a line of illuminated "Hoochies" for the offshore angler. The soft-bodied Hoochie trolling rigs use standard Lumalight cartridges and refills. According to the manufacturer, the lighted rigs entice fish in any water condition, day or night.

The **Zgaff** Company of Houston handed sout brochures that asked "What's the Point?" and then answered by showing off their new standard gaff hook featuring an extra-wide bend and two spikes. According to Zgaff, the new IGFA-approved gaff makes it easier to hold fish on the gaff. The handles are aluminum with a nicely done knurled finish that is very firm to grip. Standard style gaffs are also offered.

Stuart Industries displayed a unique new detachable butt for bent butt rods that leave the reel attached to the rod, but allows the bent butt to be stowed. Several top-notch custom rod crafters in our readership are already offering the new Stuart butts. The hoods are massive; the lock nuts are big and hexagonal; the rod blank seats four inches into the butt and a stainless steel pin sets into the aluminum tubing for extra strength.

Aftco introduced the new Taper-Tip flying gaffs. The hook seats in a plastic insert fitted into the tip, and is held in place by a length of 20 lb. line tied to a steel post on the shaft. Taper-Tip shafts are swagged to build extra thickness in the walls, are 6 feet long with 1-3/8 inch butt diameters and are available with 5, 6 or 8 inch size hooks. All three hooks fit the same shaft so they can be interchanged at any time.

Aftco's "Storabutt" handle and reel seat combination is designed for big game anglers who use curved butts. The reel seat is ferruled at both ends to permit removal of the rod's butt section only. Storabutt is marketed in both straight or curved models for 80 lb. and 130 lb. class rods.

Murray Brothers had one of the best saltwater displays in the Dallas show. Frank Murray and Tim Davis had a long list of new products to show off, including an expanded Lite N Glow line of trolling lures, soft bodied artificial squids, mackerel and flying fish. I've watched the flying fish used as a daisy chain and the action is incredible as they vibrate in the water! A sonic bait attractor may prove very helpful for tuna chunkers and shark drifters. On hand, too, were the famous Murray line of incomparable fight chairs, rocket launchers and custom rods.

VMC big game style hooks have proven to be the strongest of the offshore sold anywhere in the world. While not readily available in many tackle shops, it's worth it to seek these new hooks out.

Billed as the "Quickest Put-on in the Industry," **Playaction's** Model 100 fighting belts snap on and don't have to be worn continuously. Two other models have buckles for fastening, while the kidney belt model utilizes spring tension. The belts fit gimbaled-butt rods up to 1-1/8 inches in diameter.

The **Sampo Company** of New York introduced its Foam Padded Rod Belt for stand-up fishermen. The belt features one inch thick padding on the back and a wide hook-and-loop

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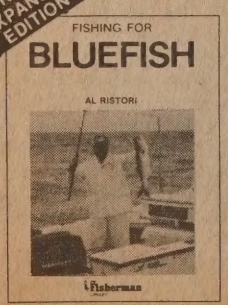

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Willie Products offers a lure storage system called the "Bait File," a sort of vertical tackle box which allows for hanging lures. A variety of optional lure storage inserts are available and tackle hanging in the file can be hosed down for cleaning. The manufacturer promises tangle free lure storage and convenient storage for heavy offshore tackle with or without long leaders.

Boone Baits has added several small birds to its line of marlin type birds. Company president, Pete Foley, has had remarkable success with his birds and many southern anglers have won tournaments with them. Most of the lures in the selection remain unchanged.

Comstock has gained worldwide acceptance of their "stiffrig" concept that uses cable, crimped and unbreakable to make a double hook rig that is easy to tie for anyone, even a novice offshore angler. The line includes the ultra-pro double hook rigs, the middies for lighter tackle and the stiffies for the lightest tackle requirements. These are good rigs and I've been using them myself for the last two years with good success and no failures.

Greg Metcalfe of Custom Mounts International had a video showing how well his **Smoker Baits** artificial lures worked in action. Besides being fun to watch (a good break from the bassin' videos) it was proof positive that the lures worked. Greg let me leave the show with a sample lure that later bagged a 162 lb. bigeye the week after I got back home.

George Agnew of **Accetta Lures** had his complete line of spoons and pony tail type lures, but also showed a new strip bait lure that he has been perfecting over the last year. The fake bait strips are made of tough soft plastic and look just like the real thing. They can be fished on the Accetta lead head or added to virtually any offshore trolling lure for some added flash and action.

There was a lot to see for the offshore angler at the Dallas show and I was especially pleased to see the evolution of new tackle rather than the introduction of radical new designs in the offshore market. We need the wild innovations, but the evolution of proven and tested tackle means trouble-free fishing for you and I. The canyons are a long way off and we need dependable gear to take big fish with no hassles or temperamental failures. There's some great new tackle coming out this year to make you fishing better than ever.

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SURF FISHING TACKLE

by Tim Coleman

Editor's Note: If you read about an interesting product, you can check the sidebox for addresses of the companies.

The last time I was in a place as hot there was a war going on. For three days this past August five of us from different editions of The Fisherman trooped around in the 102 to 105 degree heat on our way back and forth from hotel to convention center where the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers held their annual show. We all came away with suitcases full of catalogs and the knowledge that the heat in the land of J.R. Ewing is a lot drier than in the backyard of Ho Chi Minh.

Each of the different Fisherman staffers went looking for tackle of interest to different brands of readers. My job was to look around the 1,300 plus booths for surf stuff, not only high ticket items, but to also check the nooks and crannies for miscellaneous gear not available locally.

You may remember in last year's report from the show, we told you Garcia was bringing back the 7000 in original and ball bearing model. This season we're happy to report they've brought back the 9000, a conventional reel appreciated by a percentage of casters who wanted to move up the ladder. The latest version is the 9000CL. She'll hold anywhere from 380 yards of 12 pound to 220 yards of 40—and she has a level wind, something folks who long favored the 7000 will appreciate.

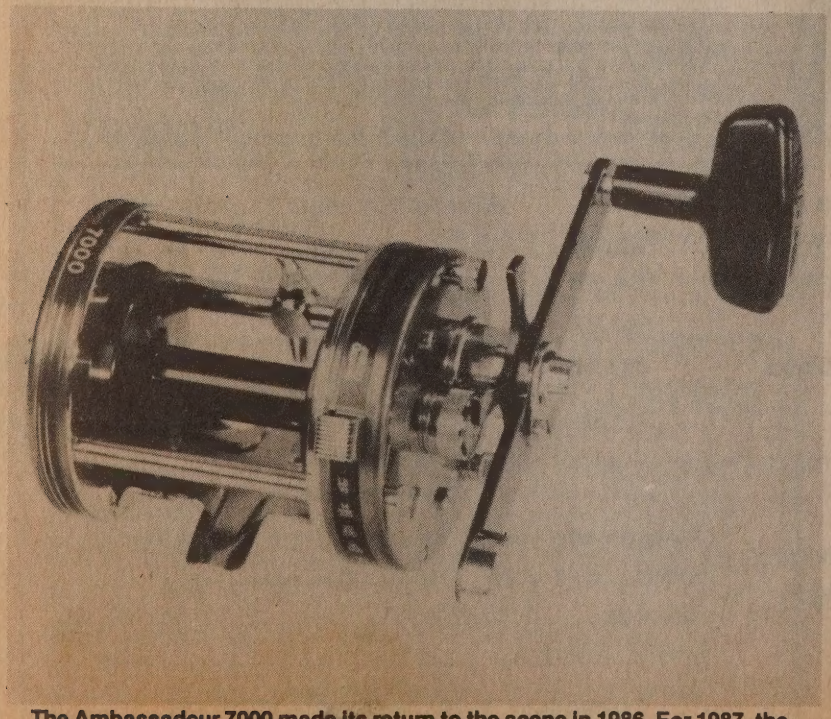
You don't have to dip too far back into surf fishing history to remember the Mitchell 302 and 306 as reels used both for baitfishing and plugging. Both of them could be converted to factory manual pick-up which in those days eliminated broken bail springs. This year Mitchell has three reels with factory manuals in their line-up. They are 498 Pum Pro, 306 Pum Pro and 498 Pum. The 400 series are designed for heavy duty work, while the 306 is rated medium heavy. The former might be the ticket for baitfishing in heavy surf where large line test and capacity is required. The latter would work for the fellow who wants to sling rigged or live eels along different beaches from Jersey to Maine. Casters needing a smaller reel might consider the 300 Pro. It holds 205 yards of 16 pound line, just right for back bays or along a moderate surf.

Penn Fishing Tackle keeps rolling along with their Spinfisher Series. All one has to do is visit a New England beach some day the bluefish are in to see just how many fishermen favor this series or other Penn products. Any angler who likes the Jigmaster for some type of beach work might check out the new 506HS, a high speed junior version with ball bearings. The reel weighs 21 ounces with 5 to 1 gears and capacity of 350 yards of 12 pound mono. And, as with a lot of other Penns, this one contains the new HT 100 drag washers.

The Daiwa display at the show had enough spinners to turn the head of any beach man. Three series you might consider for surf casting are the Black Gold, Regal Gold and Silver. Each one supports different retail prices with room to buy for the fellow wanting the best to someone looking for a starter reel. In the Black Gold series, there's the BG 30 for medium fishing, the BG 60 for medium heavy and BG 90 for heavy saltwater use. Those reels hold respectively 200 yards of 17 pound test, 225 yards of 20 and 275 yards of 25 pound line. In the other series, in medium to heavy order, there's the RG 2600, RG 4000 and RG 7000. In Silver you'd buy the 4000C for medium 7000C for medium heavy fishing and 9000C where a large reel is needed.

This year Shimano seemed to be pushing speed in their reels. If you are seeking a reel with 6.2 to 1 gears, then see the Speedmaster X series of spinners. The biggest is the CX 6000SM with 230 yards of 25 pound test. The next one up, the CX 5000SM holds 195 yards of 20 and the CX4000SM, 185 yards of 14. As time goes by we're seeing more and more of the Shimano Baitrunner series, introduced at the 1985 show, in tackle store display racks right alongside the Penns. Last, but not least, if you like Shimano and want a general purpose spinning reel look at the SSG series; notably the SSG 4000 for light plugging, the SSG 6000 for medium category and the SSG 7000, a large mill holding 185 yards of 40 pound mono.

Other companies offering reels that could be used along the surf line are Shakespeare, Ryobi, Silstar, Browning, Zebco and Fenwick. Shakespeare has been around since 1897. Since



The Ambassadeur 7000 made its return to the scene in 1986. For 1987, the folks at Garcia have brought back the popular 9000 model.

that time they've sold 35 million reels with their name. Their show display and a follow-up refresher look through their large catalog revealed no less than eight series of spinning reels. Two I liked were the Sigma Whisker Titan and the Sigma series. For the man who wants a lightweight, rear drag model, consider the 4160 for light saltwater, the 4170 for medium chores and the 4180 for heavy duty spinning. If you want more economical fishing, there's Sigma model 2200-050, L/SW; model 2200-060, M/SW and 200-080, H/SW.

We've heard some good comments from people using Ryobi's Demon Drag reels. Though not as readily seen on the beach as some products, the smooth performance of the drag holds promise for more sales. In the DC series, see the DC3, DC4 and DC5, all new this year. Stepping up somewhat in price are the D3, D4 and D5 rates respectively from light through heavy.

Other reels to consider would be the Zebco PSG 70 for large water applications to PSG 50 for medium to PSG 40 for light saltwater to heavy freshwater fishing. Browning makes their model 525 spinner for general saltwater or the 517 for heavy fresh/light salt. If you'd like to try a graphite spinner at popular price there's the Silstar CX2300-040 for medium light use while the CX-2300-060 is rated for medium heavy. The heavy duty model, CX2300-080 holds 230 yards of 30 pound line.

With light tackle fishing gaining momentum all along the shore, including surf, you may wish to fish the Fenwick 9650 spinner designed for light salt use. It holds 200 yards of 12 pound line and can be matched easily with Fenwick's new Hooksetter Graphite spinning rods. Model EHS 595 can handle lures from 1/4 to 5/8 ounce and lines from 6 to 15 pound test.

While walking the aisles at the show we were surprised to learn California Tackle, makers of the Sabre line of stand-up tuna rods also makes surf sticks. They have three, two piece models from 11 to 14 feet. You don't see many 14 footers on the New England shore, but some fishermen do like an 11 footer when the water is up. If that's you, see model CA S-211S, a glass rod with graphite reel seat rated for 15 to 30 pound line.

One thing we didn't see much at the show were factory conventional surf rods. That doesn't come as a surprise to most since the majority of surf casters use the easier-to-handle spinning, especially when casting into stiff breeze. We did, however, find one company, Master Fishing Tackle Corporation, that turns out both a 9 and 12 footer in conventional style. They are two piece glass rods, model numbers TS-310 and TS-330. Master also makes two piece spinning rods from 9 to 15 feet.

Reliance Rods had graphite surf rods in the 10 to 11 foot range, something more in line with standard sizes on some sections of the northeast coast. Model LP649 is a two piece 10 footer rated for one to five ounce lures and 12 to 5 pound line, while model LP11 is the 11 footer for 12 to 30 pound string and 2 to 6 ounce lures.

While Reliance Rods seemed designed for the fisherman on a budget, we saw top of the line guides, seats and blanks on surf rods from Contender Rods of the Pflueger Company. They make five rods from a 9 foot 6 inch one to a model that's 11 feet 6 inches and will handle up to 8 ounces of lead plus bait.

Throughout our time at the show we saw all manner of lures but the lion's parcel were designed for freshwater. In-between all sizes and colors of rubber worms, frogs, lizards, beetles, etc., we did turn up a couple items not seen before. Over the last five years, before the Needlefish craze, the hot plugging combo was Red Gill teaser in front of a plastic minnow swimmer. If you like those rubber sand eel imitations you might want to check out the Eddystone Eels, made in England. They are exact duplicates of the ever present baitfish in sizes from 3 to 11 inches. Colors range from all white to all red to black to yellow and combos. The same person who likes the sand eel duplicates might also be interested in a plug from the AC Shiner Company. It looks just like a plastic minnow swimmer but is made from cedar. It's 11 inches long, weighing 2½ ounces; possibly just the lure when big bait such as whiting are around the shore. While on the subject of lures, we might wonder aloud if some of the big Mepps Musky spinners would work on bass and blues when tossed beyond the first wave? The Mepps Musky Killer, model number B5MT comes in one ounce size and the Striper Killer in sizes 1 and 1½ ounces.

Videos were all over the show for everything from people pushing a two inch weedless, double overhead, four speed, turbocharged Mudwalker with side scanning sonar to simple plastic baits. We looked and searched, but as far as we could see nobody has done a video on northeast surf angling.

Everything we use that goes round and round or up and down will start squeaking unless we oil it. To keep those squeaks from turning into visits to the repair shop, some of us like WD-40 lubricant. You'll be happy to know the stuff comes in gallon containers for use with a spray applicator, just the thing for large jobs or you can buy it in 9 and 12 ounce cans for smaller jobs like reels.

To tote rods around atop buggies

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or the family wagon, people turn to do-it-yourself projects in conjunction with the family ski rack or like me, head down to the tackle store. G Lox Manufacturing makes holders for two or three rods and offers a third holder for low profile use when room is at a premium. This company also makes holders for the den or a set that will fit up inside a station wagon or buggy.

If you want to add some lettering to the outside of the buggy you can turn to peel off letters from the Dyer Speciality Company. They make all manner of the plastic announcements, including some with rainbow hue. If that's not enough, the same folks make plastic decals of a bass or blue to let the world know you are a fisherman. I'll bet the wife would be impressed when she comes home from work to find six inch high letters spelling out Bass Hunter on the side of her new white BMW.

Most everybody who fishes for stripers uses eels at one time or another. If you're the type who likes to catch his own bait, we saw some very good looking traps imported by the Fouinteau USA Company. You'd have to be a good do-it-yourselfer to make eel traps better than these.

Ever had a bluefish take a bait hook so deep you risk an index finger to get it out? Had some gear in the front of your buggy you want close by but out of the moisture? Looking for a sinker that holds better in the sand than a pyramid? Read on.

You can buy a tool called a hookout made by Hookout Inc., that's 9¼ inches long. It will reach down the throat of a blue to grab your hook and pull it free. We've used Hookouts for years on reef fish in Florida. They work.

A company called Fishing Aids makes a pliable, portable, waterproof compartment that attaches to any boat surface via a Velcro fastener. We don't see why you couldn't put one of those to use up front in a beach buggy.

The holding sinker is a claw style mold: that's a triangular sinker with triangular hole in the middle. Currents build up sand, holding it in place where others might not stay put. Comes in weights to 8 ounces from Hilts Molds.

Are you a shore fisherman who has thought about fishing that small island a short ways offshore or maybe that spit of land that's too far to walk? If so, you might look into Porta Boat. This is a 10 or 12 foot boat that folds up to 4 inches flat when not in use. It will take a 7.5 outboard and is easily stored atop a car or small truck. It's been written up in a variety of sport fishing magazines including one of the big three. This craft isn't the thing to brave the bass rips, but could double as a duck boat once stripers leave our shores.

Surf anglers are always on the lookout for a good sand spike. Some people make their own, but others might seek some made by Sampo. Get one of their catalogs and see page 13. Another company, Platte Bay Rod Holder makes holders that will hold two rods on the same spike. The bottom features a triangular piece of metal that digs in to keep the spike from slipping over. The top is adjustable so two rods can be fished at different angles.

During the off months you may wish to read about freshwater striper fishing in two magazines from Tennessee. *Striper* is now in its ninth year, but there's a newcomer, *Trophy Striped Bass*. You might not care much for ads letting you know where you can get a 30 pounder mounted in Texas, but you may pick up tips on live baitfishing. Trophy Striper Magazine is offering a video on live baitfishing for $39.95 for one tape and $74.95 for two. Note: if you like to read Frank Daignault, he has a column in Striper entitled "Striper East."

To shed some light on your reading you might look at some neck lights from Fuji-Toki Co., Ltd. They all looked good for night fishing. One is a cordless model to two that use a small battery box to a flexilight version weighing only three ounces. If you're looking for a good light to have handy in the buggy, consider Super Spot from the Brinkman Company. It produces 200,000 candlepower, enough to illuminate objects over one mile away. It can also slice through murky weather, a plus for beach driving in the fog. Super Spot plugs into a standard cigarette lighter and "can be used continuously with the engine running with absolutely no power drain."

Last, but not least, let's not forget a good foundation. I should note a lot of the excellent surf casters I've been fortunate enough to fish with the last couple falls chose Red Ball as their wader. At the show we told the rep such and as you might expect, he wasn't surprised. Besides various boots you might look at stock No. 875301 in sizes 7 to 13. That's a pair of removable insulated insoles that "add warmth and comfort for the asking." A company at the show new to us was Simms Division of Like Link International. They had a complete line of waders including some rough looking material that might serve on the beach as well as the trout stream.

What you've just read is one small part of the vast array at the show. Other stories on other types of tackle can be found elsewhere in this issue. A lot of time and expense went into getting our readers this info. Dallas hotels are not too much cheaper than the Big Apple.

Between all the tackle stories you must have plenty of ideas for Christmas. If you've got a lot of points on the board from 52 consecutive Saturdays behind the lawn mower, circle items you want, then set down in front of the better half's breakfast plate. Hint: If she gets you a Porta Boat it will save buying a stocking to hang on the mantle. I'll bet you can get a bunch of Jigmasters, 4000 CLs, Speedmasters, Eddystone Eels or AC Shiners in the 12 foot model.

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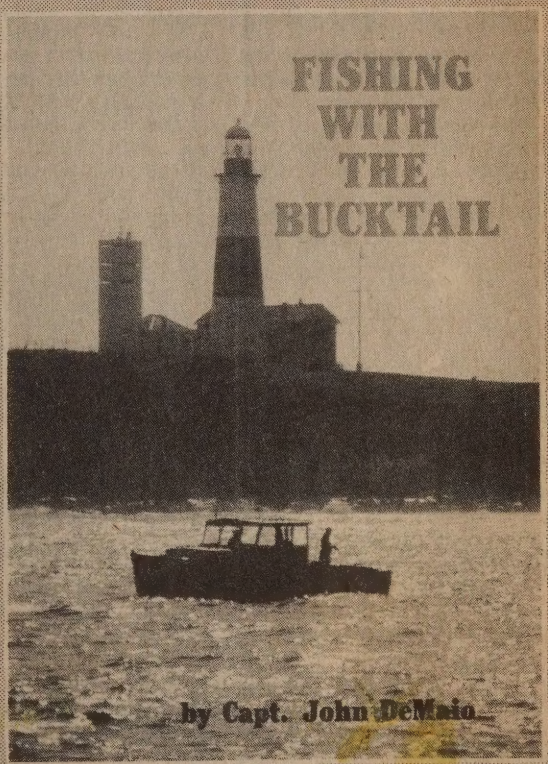

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FRESHWATER TACKLE

by Gary Caputi

The American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association's annual trade show to debut all the new tackle goodies that will be available to the fishermen of the world was held recently in Dallas. It was so big and there were so many new products and improvements that this writer was unable to see it all in five days; so it will be pretty much impossible to cover it all in the confines of this space. Let's rundown some of the highlights of the new freshwater tackle introduced at the show.

From **Abu Garcia** comes a new family of baitcasters from Ambassadeur of Sweden. The model 1021 and 1022 Plus reels are new from the reel foot up with a new shape and design that is sure to please the bass fisherman. They have command panels with 5 controls to select spool release options, switch to flipping mode, adjust mechanical brake settings, lock anti-reverse and more. The reels sport a teardrop shape for easy palming and a unique bayonet-mounted side plate that allows for changing spools with a flick of a lever. Also unique is a free floating levelwind design that eliminates friction on the line guide while casting. The reels have carbon fiber frames and side plates and ball bearings with soft grip power handles. The 1021 weighs 8.8 oz. and holds 130 yards of 10 lb. line and the 1022 weighs 9.5 oz. and holds 140 yards of 14 lb. line. Both have 4.7 to 1 retrieve ratios and both look super.

The Ambassadeur 800 series is made up of the 821 narrow spool, the 822 standard spool and the 823 wide spool models.

The Cardinal spinning reel line is expanded in number of models available with redesigned models and several totally new additions. The 800 Series has four new models featuring a dual drag system. The system has a power lever adjustable drag and a preset adjustment to prevent over tightening of the drag during the fight. They have ball bearing drive and titanium reinforcd rotor and spool. One piece molded bail with a low friction insert and Fast Cast bail triggers. The freshwater size reels have 5.4 to 1 retrieve ratios. The 500 series Cardinals are made up of three ultra light models and also feature the dual drag system. The 500 series has adjustable tension free spool mechanism for fishing live baits and have magnum size front drag systems. Several new models of the old dependable Abu-Matic spincast reels are also available for '87 and carry a 5 year warranty.

New from **Berkley** of Spirit Lake, Iowa is a long list of tackle goodies from a new addition to the Trilene line family called TriMax to a new moldable, solid form of Strike for you scent fishing fans. My eyes were quickly drawn to a stunning new line-up of graphite rods that you just couldn't walk away from. The "Series One" rods are the result of a totally new construction process that eliminates any graphite fibers that run crossways from the longitudinal strands. No hoop fibers or woven cloth is used to hold longitudinal fibers together. The rod only has tip to butt fibers running the length of the blank. Don't ask how, 'cause I don't know; but they are light, strong and have actions that will excite the angler even before he gets it out of the store. There are 21 models in this new line. They have innovative handle designs and are beautiful cosmetically. Sensitive? You bet! In addition, Berkley still retains its other 6 rod series from the Bionix to the old favorite Cherrywood series.

Ambassadeur 1021 Plus

From Morgan, Utah the good folks at **Browning Fishing Tackle** have added two new models to its very successful spinning reel line, introduced last year. They are called the Super Lights. Top of the line is the 804X, a neat 7 ounces of spinning reel for the UL buff. Made for 4 lb. test or lighter, the reel has Browning's oversized rear drag system, 5.2 to 1 retrieve ratio, ball bearing drive and all graphite body and spool construction. It's a real honey for trout and UL freshwater anglers. The 504X is the economy model of the reel.

Also new are the 2100 series fly reels. There are two models: the 2145 with clicker drag for #4 and #5 lines and the 2167 with a disc drag system for #6 and #7 lines. They are both aluminum, frame and spool and made for easy palming of the spool for added drag control on larger fish.

In rods, Browning continues its Graphite Midas series now with 21 models and adds a fat butt style rod series, the X-Cellorator rods. They come in spin or baitcast models and are finished with typical Browning rod quality. For you pond and river nuts, Browning added a deluxe model float tube that is one of a kind. It has enough pockets and pouches to stay out for a week and improved stability for fishing. It should become the King of the Belly Boats in no time.

Daiwa Corporation has beat one of the oldest problems to plague fishing

since the invention of the drag with their new "Accu-Set" system, available on the Tournament and Strike Gold series spinning reels. Accu-Set is a miniature spring scale mounted in the spool of the reel that indicates that the drag system is set within the safe limits of the line test you're using. No more guesswork on setting the drag. Nice feature.

The Accu-Set system is available on the top of the line Tournament series reels, which also feature all graphite body construction, Micro adjustable rear drag, anodized aluminum spool and more. The Strike Gold series with Accu-Set has five sizes to cover from UL to saltwater. While on spinning reels, the Whisker Graphite SS series spinners have a new, tapered, elongated spool that adds yards to your casting distance and increases line pick-up speed. This SS series is a super designed reel that is different in appearance and sports some of the beefiest looking components ever seen on reels its size.

The one addition to the wide ProCaster Tournament baitcasting reels line is the PT33P for heavy line, heavy cover fishing. It has all the ProCaster features like Flipping mode, Magforce spool speed control, 5 to 1 retrieve ratio, but is aimed at the nastiest of bass fishing conditions for use with 20 lb. test line for horsing big bass out of the worst types of cover. For this reason, the reel sports 5 sets of ball bearings to keep spool alignment positive under the heaviest of loads.

Lots of new rods available from Daiwa, too. One stand out is the new hexagonal blank graphite fly rods. Yes, hexagonal just like bamboo and finished to look like bamboo, but made of Daiwa's famous Whiskers fiber graphite. It is claimed that the hexagonal shape reduces twisting of the blank under torque load when casting. These are not inexpensive rods, but they feel incredible and look like the traditional bamboo rods so famous among trout flyrodders.

From the **Fenwick/Woodstream Corporation** comes a new series of Night Fishing Boxes that light up. These boxes utilize fiber optics and special material clear trays to light up your life when you venture out into the dark. Available in three models: two top opening with trays and one single sided flat box. Neat ideas from Woodstream.

In the reel department, Fenwick has expanded its top quality fly reel line now offering 5 World Class model reels that cover all your fly fishing needs from small stream trout to tarpon on the flats. The addition of an all graphite, Eagle 567 fly reel for 5, 6, 7 weight lines rounds out this collection.

Last year Fenwick introduced "helical bias construction" to graphite rod blanks with their World Class series rods. The line has been expanded beyond their superior quality fly rods into the Hooksetter fat butt rods in spinning and casting models. There is

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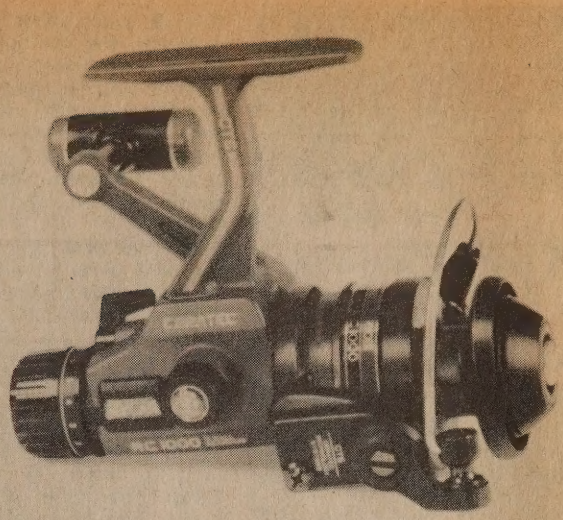

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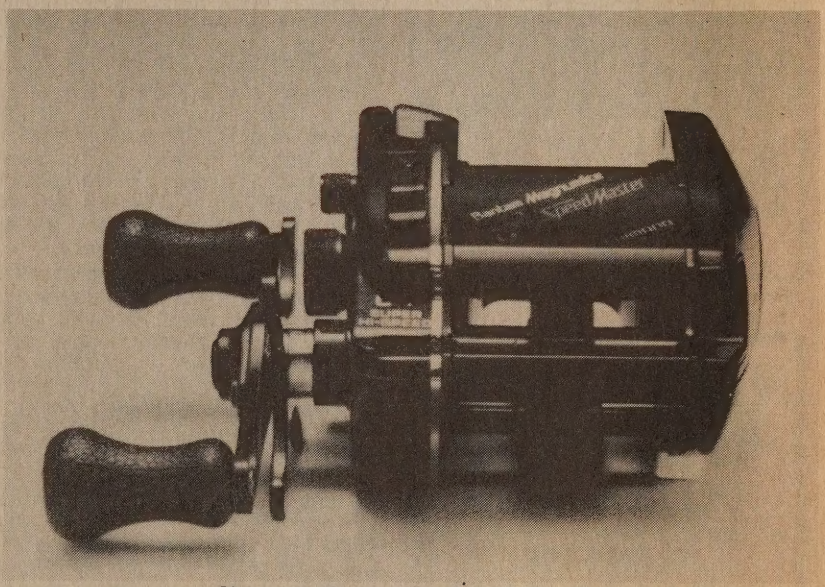

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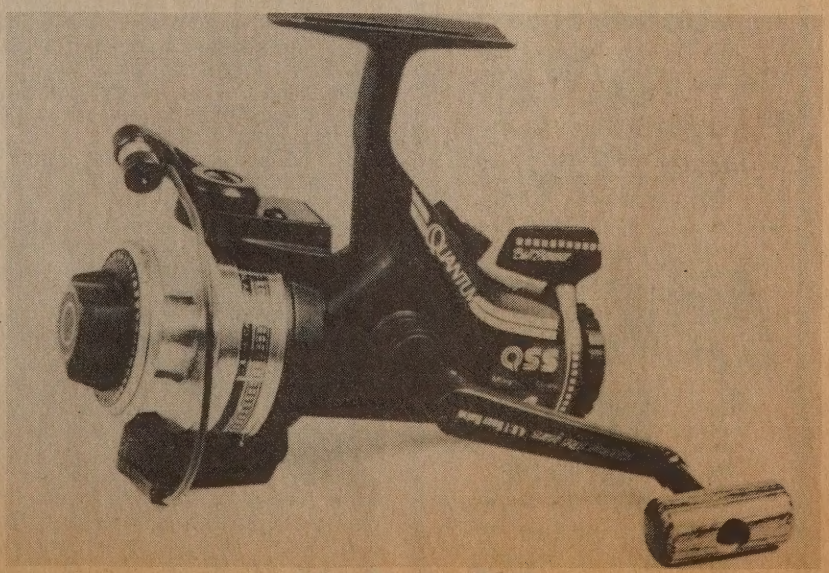

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also a Hooksetter Eagle Graphite series in the fat butt line-up and a whole new line of World Class Salmon and Steelhead rods that now number 8 models and the Eagle S/S rods now offer 15 models for these fish. Fenwick still offers the HMG Graphite Spinning Reel line with three models to handle all freshwater needs.

Mitchell USA has new reels to offer for 1987. They have jumped into the spincast reel market with the introduction of the 8800 and 8600 series reels. They have a feature to help eliminate line twist, the major problem with spincast reels for years. The 8800 even has a stainless steel ball bearing drive system that makes these reels a must-see for the spincast fisherman. The Mitchell Trigger Drag series gets a big brother for heavy duty freshwater and saltwater fishing. The 5570RD has a leather and Teflon drag system for added smoothness and the famous Mitchell trigger drag for more control over running fish. This is the heavy duty trigger drag model you've been waiting for.

The Pro Series spinning reels get a new member: the 308 Pro. It is an UL model with a new corrosion fighting system that is being used now on other Mitchell models. It also has an extra strong, stainless steel bail spring system to make broken bail springs a thing of the past and a huge line capacity for a small reel.

The folks at **Penn Fishing Tackle** in their home office in Philadelphia continue to design long lasting tackle for the fresh and saltwater angler. New for this year is an all graphite construction Great Lakes level wind reel for downrigger fishing and other extra heavy freshwater applications. The 320GTI has a 4.5 to 1 retrieve ratio, the new HT-100 drag material from the famous International reel line, a titanium line guide in the level wind and is super light and super strong. Also for the Great Lakes buff, the Mag Tuned 10, long a top choice for downrigger and steelhead nuts has a new added Direct Drive system specifically added for the steelhead angler. It allows the river angler to play the fish without aid of drag, but by backwinding the reel handle to play out line to the fish, when necessary.

The GR series all graphite spinning reels continue in popularity with the 220 and 230GRs offering the Penn touch in freshwater sizes. They utilize the HT-100 drag material in an oversized rear drag system and are Penn strong and dePENNdable.

Ryobi America Corporation has some excellent high quality offerings for '87, too. Last year's introduction of "The One" baitcaster left anglers waiting for a larger model, now available and designated the T-2. It has all the features of the T-1, including right/left hand interchangeability, but is larger for heavy freshwater fishing on the Great Lakes for salmon or for pike and musky fishing where more line capacity and heavier line weights are required. It holds 200 yards of 20 lb. test and has a clicker for fishing live baits in free spool. A 4.7 to 1 retrieve ratio, all graphite construction, 2 ball bearings and much more add to the list of features.

Also new to the "lower profile" baitcasting line from Ryobi are the GM-40 and the G-40. These are all all-graphite, magnetic control, ball bearing reels that have 5 to 1 retrieve ratios and lots of features for the bass fisherman with a budget. They also utilize Ryobi's new "R-Tec" drag material for super smooth drag performance.

In spinning reels, Ryobi has new front and rear drag series reels made with their "Ceratec" graphite material that uses long fiber graphite for reduced weight and increased strength. The rear drag system is called the RC series and the DC series has the "Demon Drag" front drag system Ryobi introduced last year. Both have 3 sets of S.S. ball bearings and a host of quality features that are now expected by today's fishermen. In their budget spinning reel lines, Ryobi offers the GR series and the GB series. Both are all graphite, ball bearing reels with the GR sporting rear drags and the GB with front drag systems.

In spincast, Ryobi has slicked up its reels with the addition of the LS-60 for under the rod spincasting and the SC-1 for traditional spincast rods that carry the reel above.

Shakespeare Fishing Tackle has another new baitcasting reel for '87 to add to its already wide choice line. The Sigma Mag-Lite model 9500 has a one-piece graphite main frame and spool. It runs at a 5 to 1 retrieve ratio and weighs only 8 oz. It holds 150 yards of 10 lb. line. The new Sigma M-16 and Alpha X-15 spincast reels are aimed at bringing a new level of precision and quality to these types of reels. They both feature S.S. ball bearings, brass pinions, asbestos drag systems and silent anti-reverse. They are shaped to do away with the bulky look of spincast reels of the past. For the fly enthusiast, five graphite fly reels have been introduced in the 1690 series. They will handle all line weights from #4 to #11 and will fill all the niches from trout to bonefish.

Always offering a wide variety of rods, Shakespeare had a few product innovations worth mentioning. For the bank fisherman who always wanted to be able to fish water temperatures like boat anglers with fancy temp gauges, they have introduced several rods that incorporate a temperature probe in the tiptop and have a temp readout in the handle. Pretty slick. Also, a rod with an adjustable action was shown. It adjusts by turning the butt cap of the rod to extend a second, internal blank higher into the outer blank. Their Gutt Butt line of rods is larger than ever along with all the Shakespeare fishing rods, including the old reliable Ugly Stiks.

The "brain trust" at **Shimano America Corporation** headquarters was hard at work again last year and

the new reels offered in '87 can be summed up in just one word: *Speed*! The line-up of new baitcasting and spinning reels is awesome and they offer the fisherman retrieve ratios that approach warp speed, Scotty!

The Bantam Speedmaster series is made up of 6 baitcasting reels: 3 right-handed and 3 left-handed including two wide spool models that all boast a blistering 6.1 to 1 retrieve ratio, enough speed to run the fastest crank bait to the max or to pick up line fast enough to foil any charging fish. They have all the features anglers have come to know in the Bantam line: graphite/titanium construction, Quickfire casting system and that classic Bantam shape.

In spinning models, "faster, cried the fisherman," and faster is what Shimano has given you. The Magnumlite GTX series and the Custom X series reels now pull in the line at 6.2 to 1 retrieve. These two "Speedmaster" series of reels are as fast as they come. The GTX series offers graphite bodies, rear drags, ball bearing and quality Shimano construction with the No Fail Bail introduced last year. The CX series has 6 models to cover all fishing conditions and applications. In addition to these reels, there is a new Bantam Black Magnum model and other new spinning reels like the Baitrunner models with the lever drag system on a spinning reel, but to see them all you will have to get their new catalog because it's just too much to cover in this space.

Don't miss the new Speedmaster models of the Magnumlite Fightin' Rods, either. They are lighter than even last year's XL series and have lots of new models and features.

Silstar has some new reel models for fishermen that have lots of neat features. The Starlite graphite baitcasters have magnetic cast control, thumb-bar spool release, removable line cover for palming comfort, forged aluminum spools, power handle and star drag system with 5.1 to 1 retrieve ratios, all at an incredibly inexpensive price. Their new 2700 spinning reel series has six models with standard bail operation and three with Easy-Cast bail triggers. They all feature stainless steel ball bearings, left/right hand cranks, graphite spools and gear ratios up to 5.1 to 1. Again, add to this the low cost and a huge line-up of super looking rods and you can bet you will be seeing a lot of Silstar products on the tackle shop shelves this season.

Zebco and their **Quantum** division have added more models and more features to their line-up for 1987. The Quantum baitcast reels now offer 8 models, two wide spools and two left-hand retrieve for this coming season. The Dyna-Mag spool control, is used on all models and they can all be converted to flipping mode with the flip of a switch. Al have 5 to 1 retrieve, lightweight graphite construction and detachable hoods for easy palming along with the Q-Cast free spool controls and super smooth drag system. The new QD-1510 is a true ultralight baitcaster for lures as light as 1/8 ounce.

The Quantum QMD spinning reel line offers 9 models, two with a totally new front "Magnum drag" system and "Bait Sensor" system for running live baits with the bail closed. They all feature ball bearing construction, right/left hand convertability, silent anti-reverse and more. The rear drag models still boast the largest drag surface of any rear drag reels made. For the spincast fan, a Quantum quality spincast reel is offered, the QFM-2, which has a unique feathering system to allow you to better control the distance of your cast in the same manner a baitcaster does with his thumb.

The Quantum rod line gets bigger and bigger, with the stand out this year the addition of the Quartz Transmitter series rods. These fat butt, double blank rods utilize two quartz crystal amplifier discs that increase the vibrations from the inner blank to the outer blank for amazing sensitivity. It doesn't just let you feel the lure better, but amplifies the vibrations for greater feel.

A couple of new plugs in the terminal tackle end of the business caught my eye during the course of the show that deserve mention. First, several lure companies now offer crankbaits that hit that 20 foot deep mark. Manufacturers have been working their way down to the magic 20 foot mark for years and this year crankbaits from Mann's (20+ Deep Hog), Bomber (Super Deep Model A) and Angler's Pride (Triple Deep TD-20) all claim to have reached it. These are the ultimate in deep water crankbaits.

In addition, Angler's Pride has taken an old idea from saltwater anglers and combined it into the newest concept in crankbaits. Designed by Dr. Loren Hill of pH meter and Color-C-Lector fame, the Chowhound is a TD20 crankbait with the addition of a small spinner that extends from the bottom of the swimming lip. This spinner serves the same purpose as dropper does in saltwater, drawing savage strikes from bass when they see it go by. There is a response in most game fish that is elicited by seeing one fish chasing prey. The crankbait represents a small game fish in hot pursuit of the spinner, which looks like an even smaller baitfish. The reaction is called an "intra-specific competition response" for all you saltwater guys who have been wondering why those droppers in front of your plugs work so well.

With all the new freshwater rods, reels, terminal tackle and accessories shown at the AFTMA Show this year, it is impossible to mention everything that was new or improved. My apologies for missing anyone, but keep watching The Fisherman for product reviews and new product releases during the upcoming months and you will see most everything of interest.

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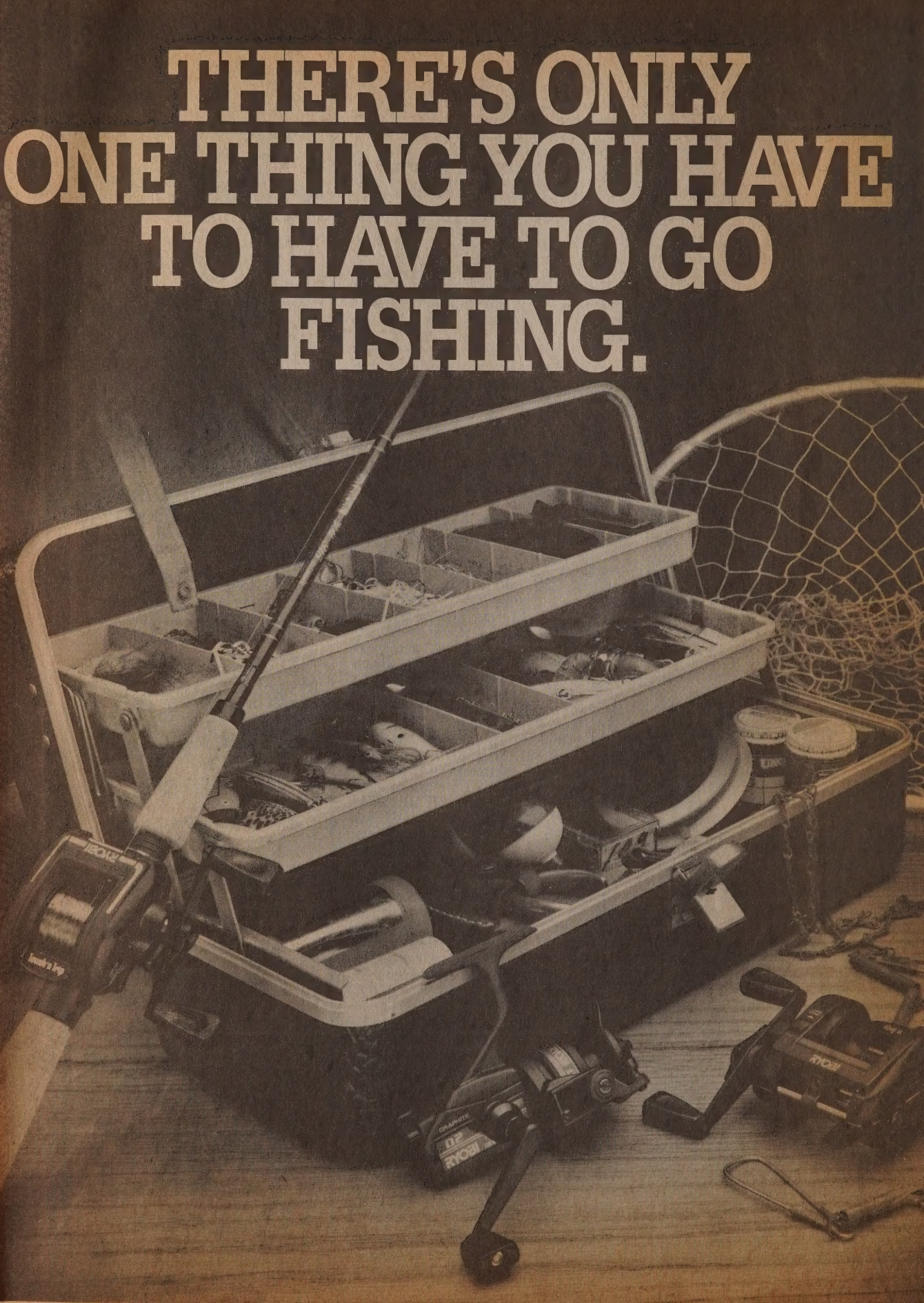

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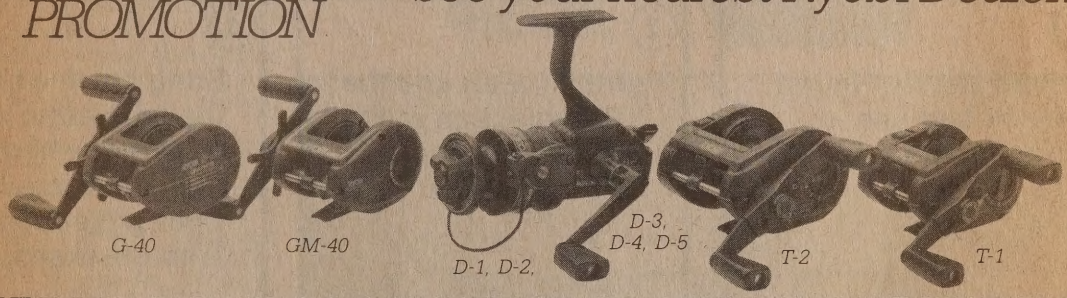

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BITS AND PIECES

by Fred Golofaro

There are other places I would rather be than in Dallas, Texas in August. Doing a slow bake in 105 degree heat, far away from any cooling sea breeze, is not normally my idea of fun. In this case though, I felt more than compensated for my suffering as I wandered over 300,000 square feet of the Dallas Convention Center, site of this year's American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) Show. In the air conditioned comfort of the Convention Center, I was like a kid in a candy store. And what angler wouldn't be. This show of shows consisted of 1,350 exhibits and anyone and everyone in the tackle industry was there under one roof.

My mission was to seek out some of the not so obvious additions to the fishing equipment scene. It is a task that usually manages to unveil some gimmicks with a practical use and others without much practical application, but interesting nonetheless.

If you're one of those anglers who has been frustrated by poor knot connections, then Highland Enterprises (Star Route, Box 24, Kane, PA 16735) has just the hook for you. Designed especially for novices, children and those with arthritic problems, the **No Knot Hook** may also be a cure for fingers numbed by cold or for those with impaired vision. The secret to the connection is a series of bends where the eye of the hook would normally be located. A series of wraps provides a surprisingly secure con-

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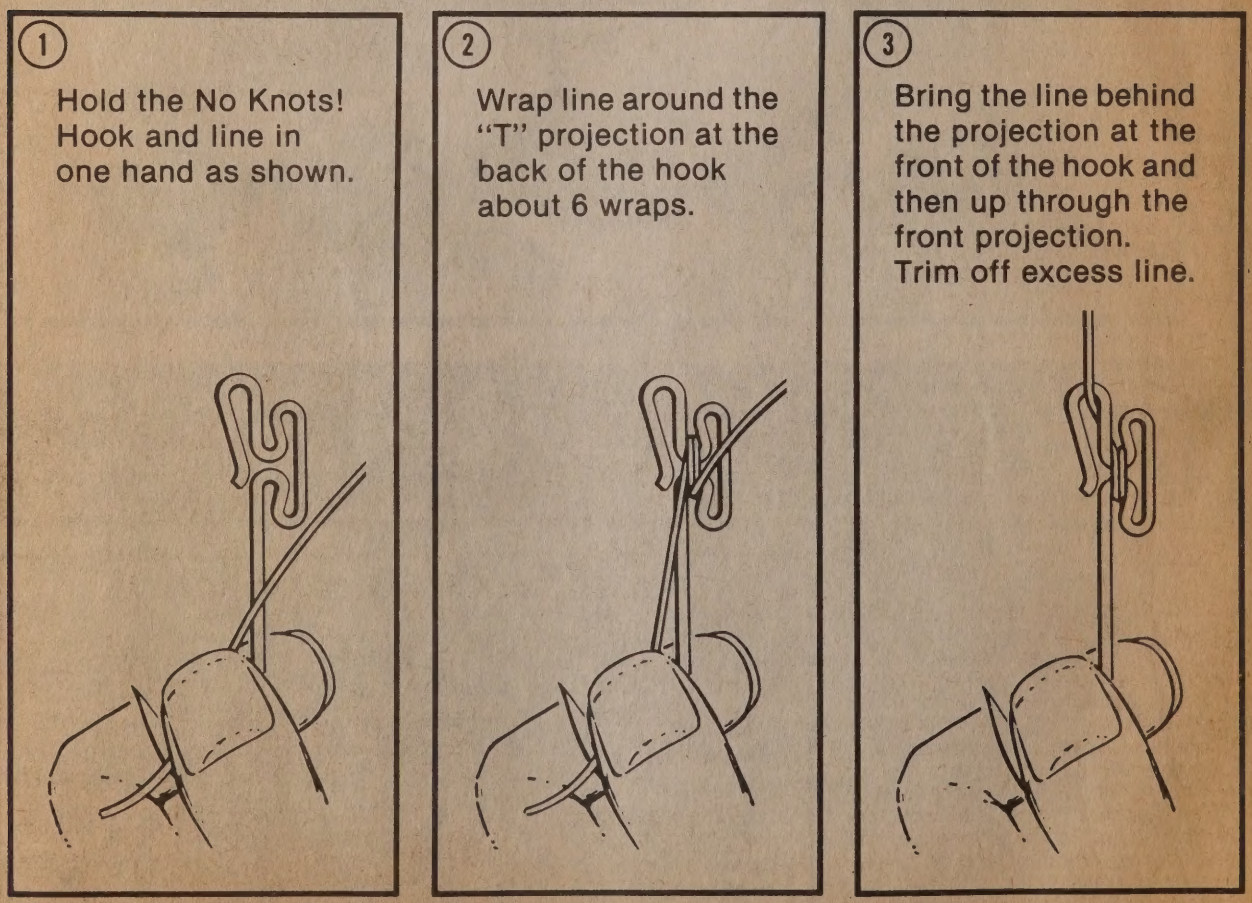
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nection, which during repeated demonstrations, broke not at the "knot" but up the line. The hooks themselves are made in the U.S.A. and are available in sizes 10, 8, 6, 2, 2/0 and 6/0. The latter two sizes are tinned for saltwater use.

One item that has no place in your tackle box, but was attracting lots of attention at the show, was a line of neckties from Ralph Marlin. Prior to Dallas, these fishy-looking and shaped ties were already hot selling items in cities like Chicago, Boston and New York. For most of us though, it was our first look at this latest fashion craze. Wearing one of these creations will certainly tell other folks where your interests lie and they are certain to spark conversation at the next cocktail party you attend. They are currently available in Barracuda, Largemouth Bass, Mackerel, Slippery Dick (it says here), Channel Catfish, Muskie, Northern Pike, Rainbow Trout, Walleye, King Salmon and Designer Tuna. They are a product of Camptown Fashions, Route 83 and 171, Lemont, IL 60439.

The Retriever is a little gadget weighing less than a quarter of an ounce that might be of some use in special situations. The two inch long hollow tube attaches towards the butt end of your rod and contains 85 feet of line and a fluorescent bobber which identifies the location of a rod dropped from boat or pier. The most practical application I see for this item is where freshwater size tackle is used from local docks or a boat by a youngster who may be prone to dropping your favorite outfit into the drink. The bobber and line are released after spending 30 minutes in the water as the glue holding the lid dissolves. This time delay allows for use in "rainy or wet conditions." Definitely a gimmick. Manufactured by Mar-Dee, 2445 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85016.

This next item is bound to draw some interest by anglers in our area. In case you haven't noticed, there has been a surge in the popularity of cast nets for gathering fresh or live bait. Long a Southern tradition, the technique has worked admirably for bait seekers from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras. Mullet, bunker (menhaden, pogie), and herring have proven especially susceptible to a well thrown cast net.

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HOW IT'S DONE

by Matt Ahern

This veteran sinker bouncer provides some insight into what makes a cod sharpie tick.

Those of you who have been reading these weekly articles over the years know about my fishing buddy of 66 years standing: Artie Leidecker. You know of his crotchety ways, which can be forgiven for two reasons: he's a good guy and just about the best codfisherman I know—which is saying a lot, no question about that.

Anyway, on this particular day I want to tell you about, we were codfishing on the old Ambrose Ridge, south of the Tower and, discounting a few ling and whiting, were slowly being bored to tears with the lack of cod activity.

Artie unhooked a ling, dropped it into the tub and said: "What do you think, Matt...should we try it? You know, for old time's sake."

Now, ordinarily had such a question been put to me by anyone but Artie, I would have asked: "Try where?" But when you fish with someone for over 66 years, well...

"Maybe we ought to stick it out. We sure got a mess of chum down there."

Several boring minutes passed.

"We can always come back," Artie said. "So...what do you say?"

I reeled in. "Okay. Let's do it."

I suppose while the anchor is being pulled up, this would be as good a time as any to explain that the "it" Artie had in mind was the Cholera Bank—but not the same Cholera Bank being fished today. That one lies south of Jones Beach, but the one Artie referred to—the original Cholera Bank of old-timer's fame—lies southwest of the present one, about 16 miles south of Long Beach and about 20 minutes south/southwest of the old Angler Bank of sea bass fame. Why the transition was made from the old to the "new" area, I don't know (it may have been because of the Acid Stain contamination), but it must have occurred during the war years. I know that when Artie and I returned from the Service at war's end, the party boats I frequented no longer fished the area we old-timers had always known as the Cholera Bank. I could never get a satisfactory explanation for this—at least one in which everyone agreed.

If you'll allow an old man to ramble on, this nomenclature becomes even more confusing, for there is another Cholera area known as "East of Cholera," which lies exactly where its name implies, and about two miles south of the popular piece of codfishing bottom known as the Southeast Ground.

I also better explain that our trip was actually a fish-finding expedition. Because it was mid-November and time for cod, Artie had invited a half dozen local cod fanatics to join us aboard the "Echo" the next day for the initial trip of the winter season.

As I say, it was the old Cholera Bank Artie was interested in; and 40 minutes later we had arrived. I got the anchor over, snubbed it on Artie's signal, and walked back to the stern.

"Maybe we should be drifting," I said. "It's been a long time between fish here and I kind of forget the fine points."

"Yeah," Artie admitted. "But let's give it a whirl and see what happens."

We sent our skimmer bait through 70 feet of water and as luck would have it, we had anchored over a piece of bottom containing life. Bergalls. And they wasted no time attacking the bait.

"Ye gads!" Artie exclaimed. "These things are voracious! It's been over 40 years since we last fished here and I don't believe these stinkers have eaten since then! Better not chum."

Just then, I stuck my hook into a fair-sized blackfish, reeled it up nice and slow so as not to give it the "bends," gently removed it from the hook, and tossed it back, where it wasted no time scooting for the bottom. I put on fresh skimmer. "More action here than over on the Ridge."

"Right," Artie agreed. He came back on his rod. "And I got the mate to yours."

We caught maybe five or six more medium blacks, but no cod. We pulled anchor and tried drifting, but that didn't do much, either: a couple of horned dogs, one good sized whiting and several fat ling.

And that was that for the old Cholera Bank.

It was discouraging to say the least. Here we had a half dozen guys coming down on us the next day and we had no place to take them that promised a chance at cod. Artie started the engine and pointed the bow northeast. "You know," he said, "wouldn't it be something if these cod were inshore. Like south of Buoy 2 off the inlet."

All of a sudden, I knew he was right. Don't ask me how I knew; I just knew. I was so sure, I brought out the new buoy we'd made up the week before. It would be put to use, no question about that. I pawed through the sliced skimmer bucket and selected the softer stuff and put it aside. I'm a great believer in soft skimmer for cod. Not stale, mind you—just the stuff that no longer has any life in it. Using this kind of bait was a trick I'd learned many years ago when I was a kid on the party boats. If cod are finicky, they will take that in preference to the fresh stuff.

It took the better part of an hour to arrive at our destination and Artie spent minutes circling around a bit before he was satisfied. What he was looking for, I didn't know, and he didn't say. (By checking a chart later that evening, and unknown to me at the time, I found a six foot high spot in the area. Evidently, this is what Artie was seeking.)

We began the first drift and I guess ten minutes passed when I experienced that clairvoyant feeling codfishermen recognize when they are about to get action. I can't fully explain this feeling, but it is common and one shared by many codfishermen. I lifted the rod cautiously, felt weight and drove the hook home with a good, solid follow through.

Artie immediately tossed over our new buoy, reeled in his rig, and picked up the gaff.

The cod felt pretty good and the harder it pounded, the more I was certain of it. Nursing that battling cod through the depths and praying every time it stopped my reel cold with its struggles, I gradually worked it up to where we finally caught a flashing glint of its white belly. From then on, it was easy and a minute later Artie reached over and sank the gaff. Over the rail came a cod that would easily go 35 pounds. It wasn't a monster as cod go, but it was the largest I'd caught in five years.

With our hopes running high, we continued the drift for at least a half mile; but that was all the action we had. Not a ling, whiting, conger eel, or doggie. There was only one thing left to do: return to the buoy, anchor up and get the chum going.

Artie brought the "Echo" around in a wide sweep. "We must have drifted away from a small pod of

fish," he said. "I'll tell you what," he continued. "We'll anchor up-tide of the buoy and pour the chum to 'em. You'll probably have to dip into tomorrow's bait, but no matter; we'll put on another bushel when we get in."

I poured the chum to those cod, all right. I batted over at least a half bushel, and when I lay the club aside, Artie urged me on. "More, Matt! Give 'em more!"

"You'll have those cod to hell and gone if I keep it up," I told him.

"No. No chance. I got this tide and current figured pretty good and that chum won't move a foot. Dammit, Matt! You want fish? Do it!"

So I did it. With the bottom of the bait tub already showing and only a few more skimmer to go, Artie reared back on his rod and sunk the hook into a cod. "Gotcha!" he grunted.

This fish wasn't big, weighing about nine pounds, and when I shook it from the gaff, Artie said: "There's got to be more down there. Let's get 'em while the getting's good!"

And get 'em, we did. We finished the day with seven more, though none was as large as the first one; the closest being a shade over 20 lbs., which Artie caught. But considering the way codfishing had been for several years, it wasn't a bad day at all.

I know I've gone into some detail to describe the foregoing events, but it is the only way I can show how it's done today. As I said, long gone are the days of superb winter codfishing. Today, we fellows must work for our fish.

I'm glad, too, that Artie and I are buddies. When we teamed up many, many years ago, I was the luckiest of the lucky, for certainly I have gotten more from our friendship than he has—at least I think so. I know that when I try codfishing on my own, I never catch as many as when we fish together. He may be an old grump and a pain in the tail at times, but that's easy enough to bear. Truly, the fine points of the game are his.

Oh—I almost forgot. The following day we fished the buoy 2 area with Artie's six buddies. I didn't bother to fish, but instead made myself generally useful: gaffing fish, cutting bait, and so forth—sort of harking back to my party boat mating days. Artie fished a bit in the morning and then spent the afternoon taking soundings of the area. These he placed on a chart of his own making, which he said he'd share with me someday. That was five years ago and I'm still waiting. Oh, well. (I did see that chart one day when he "wasn't looking," and I'll tell you about it sometime when I'm looking around for something to write about.)

Those six fellows accounted for 17 cod that day. Most were average, running between 6 and 10 pounds. The largest was nowhere near my 35 pounder of the day before.

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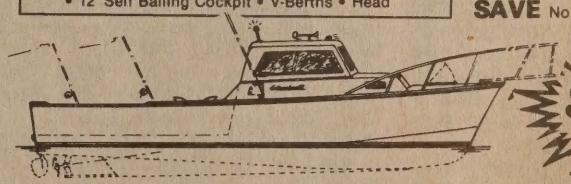

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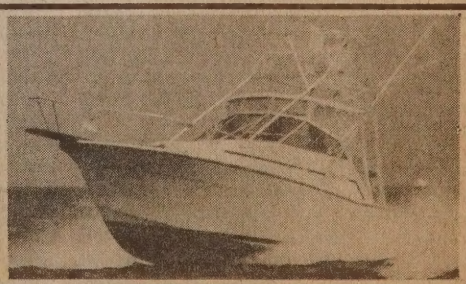

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"UNDER THE LIGHT"

by Carl Buxbaum

The Montauk Light is irresistible. After inventing excuses for never fishing there again: it's too dangerous, it's too rough, I'm getting too old—I return to the bruising rocks from which I've been thrown by freak waves, on which I've shattered two rods, and where I once took the gang hooks of a hefty plug in the back—hitting with the full force of another angler's powerful, urgent, out of control cast during a weakfish blitz.

Yet the magnetism of the place is laced with a thoroughly masculine quality of big boulders, big seas, and big fish on the move that get your adrenalin pumping by the imperial gallon. I often think that Hemingway would have loved to cast for stripers there—trying to keep his feet on the slippery rocks and taking big seas on the chest while the spray trickled from his beard.

As for the fishing, the light (my Kilimangaro) is special. Surfcasters would be hard pressed to come up with another place that provides such predictable action with husky fish during the fall migration. Imagine yourself at the far end of a jetty that juts out over a hundred miles into the Atlantic, creating such a remarkable road block that nearly every inshore game fish and bait fish must negotiate a detour around it, through the swirling tidal rip formed by the ocean taking a similar course. Think of Long Island as one long pier with the Montauk Light at its seaward extreme, and you'll understand the unique appeal to surfmen.

Anyone facing the ocean from the light will see that the tidal rip sweeping around the point moves closer to shore—like a gushing, flood stage river—on a rising tide. From four hours before high water to the flooding slack, the fish attracting current swings within casting range of shore; and just before the tide stops running leftward, bluefish, weakfish and stripers may be found almost at your feet—many of them in the trophy class. Lighthouse regulars, therefore, have learned to fish the rising tide. Some of them arrive hours early in order to claim their favorite spot, but they don't cast until the tide is right.

Daytime action is mainly with bluefish. They tear into all sorts of tins and surface plugs. But sharpies sometimes cull impressive weaks and stripers from under the marauding choppers by bouncing heavy bucktailed jigs dressed with pork rind or Mister Twister plastic trailers along the snag infested, weedy, and rocky bottom. White bucktails seem most effective, especially around sunrise and sunset. Be prepared to break off a few of these lures in hang-ups. Some years ago I was very proud to have mastered a technique that avoided snags. It had only one drawback: it didn't catch fish. The jig must run deep and slow to work. If you aren't hanging-up, you won't hook up.

It's the last half of a rising tide that falls between dusk and dawn for which the light is famous. Those night tides provide the most consistent catches of weaks and bass, as well as turning up some real monster blues.

After dark lure selection is relatively uncomplicated. Although big Red-Fins, Bombers and similar minnow plugs are very attractive to all game fish, it's hard to launch one any distance from the platform of topsy-turvey boulders. Unless fish are tight to shore, therefore, most surfcasters choose longer casting plugs to cover more water.

The top choices are darters, bottle plugs and needlefish. The hands down favorite, until a couple of years ago, was the yellow darter. White was fine on very bright nights or around dusk and dawn; and sometimes, on pitch black nights or when lots of mullet were around, blue and blue-mackerel finishes were the ticket. In any case, the yellow darter probably accounted for more stripers over the years than any other single lure. And it still does a great job.

When the ocean gets very rough or the tide is slow, it's hard to get a darter to behave. A very slow retrieve is required and heaving seas will toss a slow darter right back to the rocks.

In a weak tide darters tend to drift on the water like dead sticks. On such occasions the big, action inducing lip of a 3 oz. bottle plug is called for. It digs in, holding in crashing waves, and maintains a seductive waddling action in slack water. In general, I stay with the same colors that work for darters, but for some reason the biggest bass, the biggest blue, and the biggest weak I ever took under the light fell for crawling white bottles that I modified by replacing the rear hooks with bucktail dressed versions.

The needlefish plug is the newest entry to the lighthouse angler's arsenal. It casts like a bullet, seems to do almost nothing in the water, but catches fish like mad—in all sorts of colors, though green seems to have an edge. There are probably two reasons for the success of this do-nothing lure: first, it resembles a big sand eel, which is the predominant baitfish; and second, it runs deeper than bottles or darters. Even the early versions start sinking after they've been well soaked, and the latest Gibbs model runs sub-surface right out of the package. Super Strike's plastic version runs as deep as a caster is willing to let it sink. Whatever the reason, it works during all tidal conditions and in seas gentle or turbulent. The needle has become the number one plug, day and night, for many lighthouse veterans. But nobody should ever forget the time tested old reliables.

This is big time, muscle-wrenching sport that requires equally big time gear. Rods should be one-piece 11 to 11½ footers with the backbone to throw hefty lures and haul brutish fish through tides that move like freight trains. Powerhouse reels, including the Crack and Penn 706Z, are desirable and must have smooth drags. Twenty pound test line with long, tough leaders help thwart the abrasive rocks. Heavy line also stand up better to the abuse caused by tangling on the plugs of other anglers—an inevitable experience when the action's hot and the area under the light gets as packed as a subway car during rush hour.

Standard jetty jockey gear is helpful on the rocks, and some elements are mandatory. That equipment includes a foul weather top and knee high boots under splash pants, which make it easier to climb around among the boulders than in mobility restricting waders. For greater freedom of movement, many enthusiasts have switched to wet suits. Yet I still get along well enough in waders, as do most casters at the light.

The required items include cleats or spikes on your boots, a gaff about 8 feet long, and a neck light that throws a powerful beam. Without a set of spikes, like those on the Walt's Walkers slip-on rubbers or Korkers wading sandals, you'll eventually slip and fall on the irregular, slime coated rocks. They are a must when you have to climb down to gaff a fish, follow a brute fish on a downtide run, or free a plug that was swallowed by the ever present spaces between rocks.

A pair of wet suit-clad surfmen with a bass and a blue taken "under the light" last November.

Without a long gaff you simply cannot land a fish of any size, unless you want to slide down between the boulders and the relentlessly pounding sea. It's not a pleasant form of suicide. And without a good light, it's hard to spot a wallowing fish in that turbulence and zero in with the gaff.

It should be clear by now that fishing the light is not for contemplative anglers. It's tough going. But the hardest part is the crowding during the peak of the fall run, when huge fish put in a nightly appearance. And I've always found fishermen who wend their way between the elows of other casters to be more trouble than the rocks.

I try to fish between two experienced fellows who have become friends or acquaintances over the years. We gaff fish for each other, synchronize our casting to avoid tangles, and get the hell out of the way when another angler is fighting a big fish. If only everyone understood the etiquette of lighthouse fishing, I wouldn't have to pray for bone-chilling weather to discourage the hordes.

Casting at the same time as a person next to you or retrieving at a different rate of speed causes tangled lines. So be alert to others. Casts should be made at a quartering angle to the right, and the retrieve should be slow and steady as the plug swings downtide in the rip until it's at a quartering angle to the left. Then it should be brought in more briskly; if you let it swim closer to the rocks, you'll harvest every line downtide. And everybody loses fishing time untangling the mess. Besides, fish rarely strike after a plug swings tight to the rocks.

Using the same type of plug as other casters helps ensure a similar rate of retrieve. But in addition to avoiding tangles, it seems to me that the action is better at those times. Of course, that's probably because everyone switches to the lure that works. Yet I have a silly hunch that a large number of similar plugs being towed through the water creates the impression of a school of bait fish that stimulates the feeding instincts of gamesters. I'm probably wrong on this one, but the important thing is to keep an eye on what others are doing.

Stripers, weaks and most choppers will surge downtide on a blistering run after being stung by your hooks. If the isn't snubbed, they'll pick up other lines or swing close enough to shore to drape your line over the rocks. So, you've got to strike the fish fast and fight it hard, on a fairly snug drag with unrelenting rod pressure to wear the beast down and steer it home.

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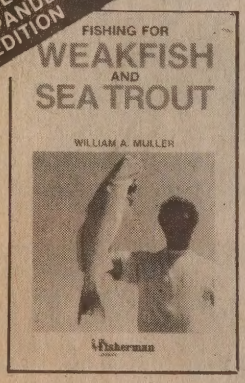

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But those cow stripers fight hard, too. No matter what you do, the drag just sizzles as they tear downtide and you must follow by skipping and stumbling leftward yelling: "Big fish on, let me through..." (Hardly anyone says "please" in that situation.) If the other anglers cooperate and you get by them, and you don't break your neck falling, you can slug it out with the beast in Scott's Hole where the wall of boulders ends. There's some working room there, and the tide runs with less force. You'll also be able to release your cow here.

Two years ago I stumbled onto a school of stripers along Montauk's south side sand beach which delayed my arrival at the light. By the time I got there, the rocks were jammed with so many casters it reminded me of birds squawking over a regiment of frenzied choppers. All I saw were neck lights going on to untangle lines. Since I already had a nice share of bass that night, I decided not to ruin the trip and waded in at Scott's to cast in solitude.

Now you expect to say that I tied into a great fish, or that Scott's is just as good as the light; but that would be a lie. Instead, I noticed a commotion on the rocks—lights flashing all over the place and lots of shuffling around. Then an athletic caster, looking trim and young in his wet suit, with the surefootedness I never developed, came dancing over the boulders with an arched rod. I retrieved my line and backed out of the water as he waded in for the final battle. The fish wouldn't quit. I moved closer to watch. I recognized Steve Bunai, one of the best surfcasters you'll ever see, anywhere. For a full ten minutes he gained some line and then the drag would slip. Again and again. It had to be a near record bass—at least. I'd never seen such a battle. Finally, the beast was whipped, and Steve was pumping in dead weight. I moved closer for a good look. The line went slack. We inspected the end—cut clean, as if with a knife. Unforgiving rocks.

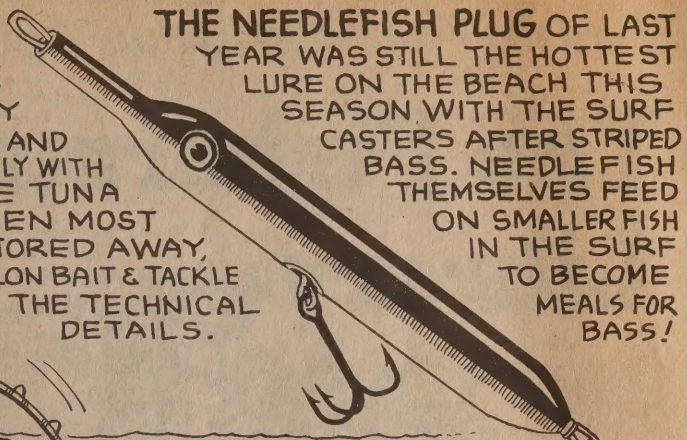
Note: The current ban on the possession of any striped bass, pending further study and evaluation, creates special hardships for lighthouse casters. Catch and release sport with big fish is no easy task from a precarious perch high above the water. With practice and care it's possible to lip gaff a bulky striper, the way it's done with tarpon, especially if you're not afraid to lose one because it had to be released anyway. But I see no way to properly release a fish under the light. Big fish, in particular, get played out in combat and need time to revive before swimming off. Even if you're built like King Kong and can throw a 20 pounder clear of the rocks, it would probably die. As a favor to the species and to the reputation of the surfcasting fraternity, quickly and gently cradle-carry your big bass to Scott's; get in the water with it; revive it; and stay with it till she, hopefully, moves off on her own steam.

TACKLE TOPICS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

STAND-UP RODS, INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, BUT TAKING OVER THIS SEASON, ARE USED FOR BIG GAME FISH AND TUNA. PUT OUT BY SABRE, FENWICK, SHAKESPEARE AND OTHERS, THESE RODS, USED MOSTLY WITH *"CHUNKING"* HAVE PROLONGED THE TUNA SEASON THROUGH OCTOBER WHEN MOST TROLLING TACKLE HAS BEEN STORED AWAY, SAYS TOM HEALY OF AUGIE'S BABYLON BAIT & TACKLE WHO HELPED US WITH THE TECHNICAL DETAILS.

THE NEEDLEFISH PLUG OF LAST YEAR WAS STILL THE HOTTEST LURE ON THE BEACH THIS SEASON WITH THE SURF CASTERS AFTER STRIPED BASS. NEEDLEFISH THEMSELVES FEED ON SMALLER FISH IN THE SURF TO BECOME MEALS FOR BASS!



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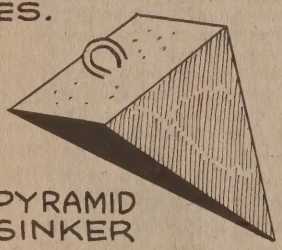
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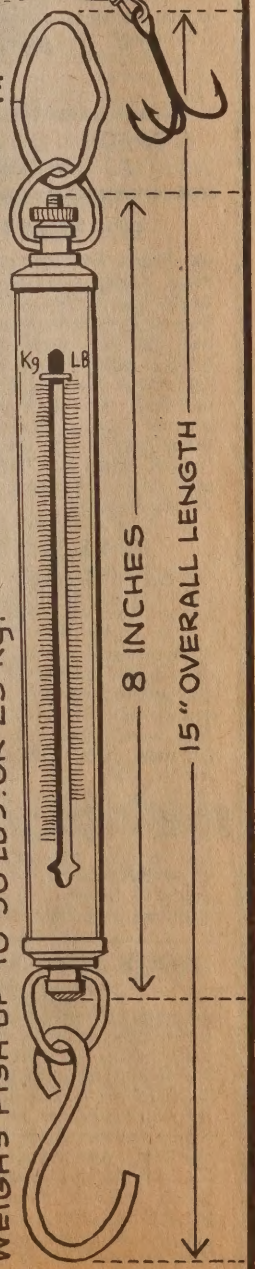

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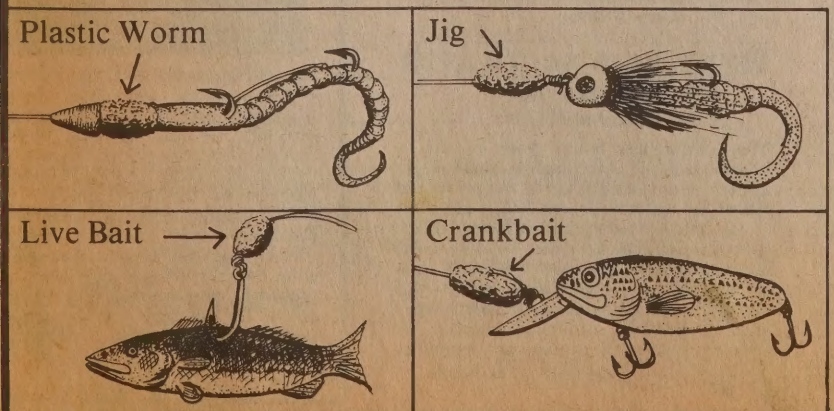

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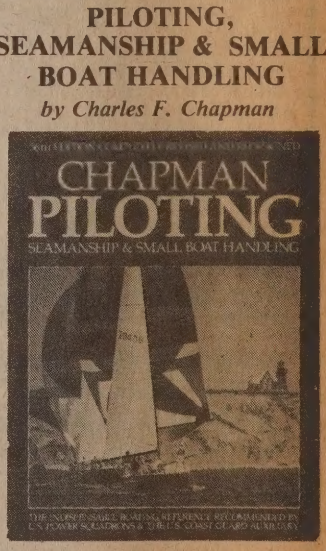

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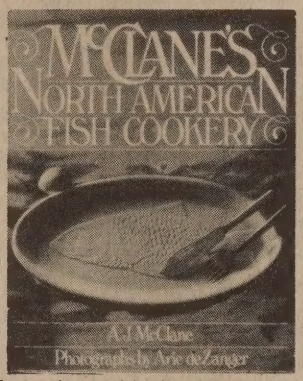

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

While fishing efforts have slowed considerably on the East End, plenty of fish remain: very large blues; extraordinary amounts of striped bass; the best blackfishing of the season; very large porgies and a smattering of cod with pollock. Weather has been the inhibiting factor. However, good catches have been reported weather or not.

MONTAUK

Captain Chuck Mallinson will keep the charter boat **Joy-Sea** ready for sailing at **Captains Cove Marina** through December and is taking reservations for cod and late blackfish charters. A Sunday charter with Arie Vandermulen jigged all day on the South Side, catching uncounted numbers of bass and bluefish. Highlight of the day was a 50 inch striper which will be mounted. The fish was released, after careful measurements (length, girth) were taken. Since taxidermists have casts of practically every size bass imaginable, all one has to do is give him the measurements, note any particular colors or stripe patterns (a picture is helpful) and your bass will be mounted, thus meeting the law's requirements of releasing the fish, and your desire to have a memento. Of course, this does not apply to record-breaking fish which have no mold.

Glen Ricci and a pair of 60 lb. bluefin tuna caught at Montauk aboard the "Pronto."

The Sleifers fished less than three hours on Wednesday on the charter bjoat **Vivienne**, calling it a day after loading up on blackfish at Southwest Ledge. The largest of the 65 blackfish weighed 9 lbs. The **Vivienne** will remain in the water until the end of the year, available for cod and blackfishing.

Since only a small amount of people showed up on the Viking **dock** on Saturday, they were combined with those who boarded the **Marlin IV**, making a group large enough for the Block Island trip. The **Marlin IV** did very well on jumbo Block Island porgies. On Sunday, the **Viking** boat sailed, returning with all jumbo porgies, 30 pollock weighing between 8 and 12 lbs., a few sea bass and some blackfish. Captain Forsberg reported that the area is still loaded with uncounted numbers of bluefish.

Saturday's group on the **Bluefin IV**, Dennis Gaviola, Art Schweithelm and Rusty Drum of the East Hampton Star, successfully obtained all the material necessary for a news and picture story of jigging and trolling bass. Captain Michael Potts worked the Lighthouse and South Side for bass to 15 lbs. Sunday's charter with Mr. Latinski and his friends first fished Southwest Ledge where, in calm seas, they caught about 40 blackfish. Largest weighed 10½ lbs., many blacks in the 6 lb. range. Three codfish also took crab bait. Plenty of blues were noted on top while blackfishing. The group topped off the day with jigging blues, with bass under the Light. Dogfish were no problem on the blackground grounds, according to Captain Potts.

Everyone I spoke with at **Gone Fishing Marina** on Saturday, was successful in blackfish attempts. Because of the wind, we fished Cerberus Shoal among a small fleet of boats. Bob. Zunno, Gary Braun and I managed about two dozen blackfish on the **Alyssa Ann**, top weight about 8 lbs. Harry Adams and Bob Fiore, fishing near us on the trailered "Harry's Hooker," also had 2 dozen fish. Captain Ricca has been fishing this area quite successfully on the **Alyssa Ann**, a close ride from the marina and to our surprise no more than 8 oz. of lead was needed despite a full moon tide.

Richie Reynen seems only to fish on the worst weather days: in the rain a Sunday ago; tremendous downpour last Tuesday; stiff winds Saturday. However, he has caught over 2 dozen nice blackfish each trip. It would be interesting to see the catch if he could get out on a nice day.

Although the **Julie III** was hauled by **Gone Fishing Marina** last week, Captain Ron Grandinetti fished a last trip with friends Milo and John on Milo's boat. The group fished Ditch Plains, where 110 bluefish to 19 lbs. and over 2 dozen bass took diamond jigs on Saturday. A correction regarding last week's article is necessary: the **Julie III** will be berthed at Inlet Marina next year and is booking charters for spring fishing. Sorry for the confusion.

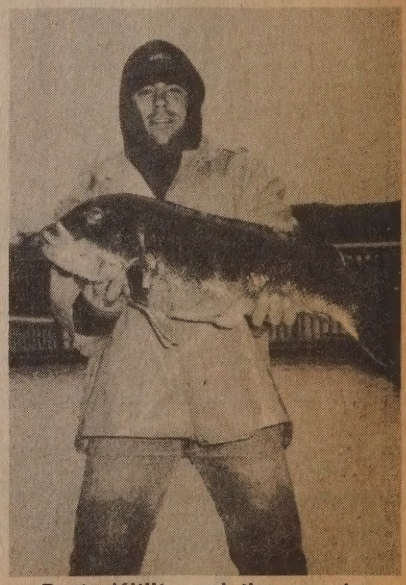
Henry Uihlein spoke of excellent blackfishing at Cerebus Shoal, good flounder catches at Culloden and great blue claw crabs in Lake Montauk. **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** will have fresh clams for this weekend. Although rental boats will be available through Thanksgiving weekend, it is best to call ahead to reserve. **Uihlein's** will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Edelman's Lou Rosado fished the Pocketbook along, for 25 big blacks, to 10 lbs. and on Saturday, 15 large blacks from 6 to 10 lbs. on Sunday. He quit early both days.

Captain Paul Forsberg called us just as we were going to press on Monday morning, via radio telephone stating that he had 35 pollock by 10AM on the boat, all between 8 and 12 lbs., fishing a wreck off Block Island. The feeling was that more pollock would have been taken but big porgies were leaping on the baits as fast as they reached bottom. Jigs were taking bluefish. One cod and a sea bass were also boated. Captain Forsberg was encouraged by the amount of pollock, and astounded by the aggressiveness of the huge porgies.

SOUTH FORK

Bruce at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** heard of a few, but large, flounder at



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Heady Creek and the Ponquogue Bridge, with a half dozen flatties considered a good catch. Plenty of blue claw crabs in Shinnecock Bay are taking worms intended for flounder. Offshore, one group tried the Bridge Wreck, returning with an 18 lb. codfish, some good size blackfish and sea bass.

John Denko called to report fantastic blue claw crabbing as late as this week, with two and three at a time in crab traps both in Shinnecock and Tiana Bay.

Blackfish are red hot in Eastern Long Island waters. Captain Clark needed only three anchor drops on Veteran's Day for a fantastic catch. On the weekend, windy conditions proved trying on Saturday's trip on the **Wilhelric II**, but according to Captain Artie Lach, anglers had a good pick of fish all day, with the pool winner a 12 lb. fish. On Sunday, in flat calm seas, big fish, plenty of them jumped on baits. Twenty anglers participated in the best catch of the year, so far with many big fish coming aboard. "Ed the Jeweler," from Riverhead, counted 16 blackfish, five over 10 lbs., while Cowboy had 14 fish, almost half over 10 lbs. Captain Lach is scheduled to sail only on weekends from now on, and will go as long as people show up. It is advised that you get to the boat early, to ensure a spot. Notice that all tickets are sold for Sunday, November 23rd.

A September trip aboard the Montauk charter boat "Pronto" produced eleven tuna up to this 185 pounder for Kevin King and friends.

Buck, at **Harbor Marina**, over in Three Mile Harbor was amazed at the endless amount of bluefish in the area including Plum Gut and the bay, with an extraordinary amoung of stripers mixed. Flounder news is light, with a few reports of small catches.

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Bluefishing remains excellent outside the inlets with lots of stripers mixed with them. Even party boat anglers cashed in on the abundant bass as two Captree skippers reported catches of 50 and 125 bass among the bluefish this week.

Flounder fishing, despite last week's cold snap, still leaves a lot to be desired although Sunday did see a surge in the flattie action in the State Channel. Blackfish are beginning to dominate the action on the Fire Island Reef and cod put in their first showing on the weekend.

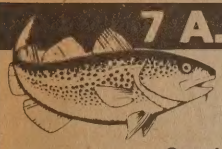
MORICHES BAY & INLET

Despite the drop in water temperature, flounder fishing still remained off this week according to Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Poor tides and a full moon may have had some effect on the fishing. On Sunday, one boat did managed 20 flatties at Buoy 27. Gary felt that the area from Buoy 42 to Haven's Point should be productive over the next couple of weeks. Look for a flood tide and chum heavy. Gary's last crab report was from last week but impressive nevertheless. Joe Entler and his son Lenny teamed to take 180 blue claws. A reminder that the station will remain open through Sunday, November 30th for the flounder faithful.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello reported a couple of flounder being taken from the local docks on worms. Not much news from boatmen but he did know of 45 flatties taken on Sunday at Buoy 7A in the Quogue Canal. The anglers were Lou Kron, Sam DiPiettro and Jess Waller. They used clams and worms and also had a pair of tommy cod. Paul added that there are still big blues in Moriches Inlet for those drifting bunker. Outside the inlet there are blues and bass for trollers and jiggers. Ken Yervis, Vin Remini and Capt. Sandbar, all from Patchogue, treked out to the tip of the North Fork and put away 30 blackfish from 5 to 9 pounds near Gull Island. This was on Sunday.

Thirteen-year-old Chris French used a live sandworm to take this fine weakfish on his father's rod. Dad was in the head at the time. Scene of the action was Great South Bay's West Channel.



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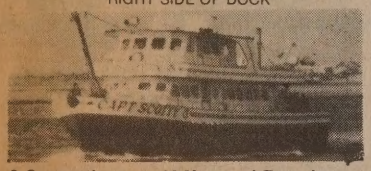

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Al Colban at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported a showing of some nice flounder to 1½ pounds at Buoy 2-East Islip and opposite Heckscher Park. A couple of tommy cod are mixed with the flatties. Al also knew of a couple of decent scores made in the State Channel on Sunday. A number of boatmen have reported cashing in on the excellent run of blues and bass along the beach between Cherry Grove and Point 'O Woods. A27s with tubes have been getting most of the attention. No word on blue claws this week but there were a few flounder taken from the West Sayville dock and the Connetquot River shore. One customer reported taking a dozen nice blackfish on the Kismet Reef while Doug Stanfield of Islip Terrace reported a 48 pound striper on an umbrella rig in Moriches Inlet. Still a lot of yellowfin tuna at the canyon for the few boats making the run.

The word from Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** is that they will be closing up until the spring at the end of this month. Jim asked that we thank all of his customers for their patronage and wish them a happy and healthy holiday season.

Over at **Captree**, Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported super bluefishing from Kismet to Ocean Beach on diamond jigs and umbrella rigs. Plenty of bass are with the blues with Saturday and Sunday both producing excellent action. There was some improvement to the flounder fishing for boatmen who worked west in the State Channel. In fact, some decent catches were recorded. Blackfish are still on the Kismet Reef with several bulldogs checked in over the weekend. For shorecasters, a few flounder at the overlook pier, the bay side of Oak Beach and the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. Still some blackfish opposite Robert Moses Field 2. Crabbing remains good in the Sore Thumb Pocket and should last for another couple of weeks.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Captain Joseph II** reported a pretty fair day with blackfish along with good numbers of sea bass on Saturday. Sunday saw very good blackfish action with fish ranging from 2½ to 9 pounds and averaging 3 to 3½ pounds. Quite a few sea bass also mixed in on Sunday. Charlie said that he will continue to concentrate on blacks over the next few weeks as the best fishing is just getting underway. He has been working the Fire Island Ocean Reef.

Capt. George Bartenbach of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** had some encouraging news concerning the Great South Bay flounder picture. The skipper reported that while Satur-

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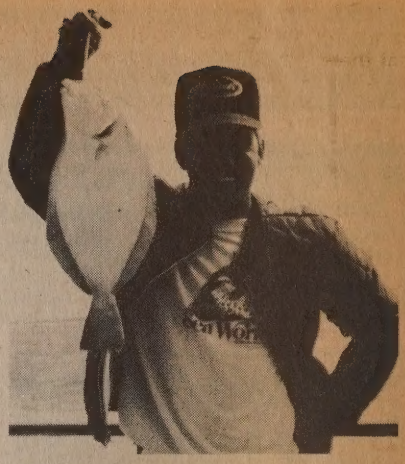

Chet Levandowski decked this fluke on a squid and spearing combo aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee."

day was slow, Sunday saw a big improvement with catches of 12 per man the norm. Hi-hook finished the day with 25 flatties. George was impressed with the size of the fish and spoke of a 2½ pound pool winner. This was the first good showing of flatties in the area and he felt that the cold snap of last week made the difference. The boat will continue sailing a full time schedule for flatties well into December as the best flounder action appears to be ahead. Scene of Sunday's fishing was the State Channel near Gilgo.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** had the first good news concerning cod from this area. Saturday's trip produced 12 of the winter kings ranging from 18 to 25 pounds. Fares also took many sea bass from the wrecks. On Sunday only 4 cod came aboard along with blackfish and sea bass. A few ling have been mixed in as well. Speedy finished up the day on Sunday by moving in along the beach where fares loaded up on blues and bass with diamond jigs.

Aboard the **Speedy VII**, Capt. Nick Manzari said they have been loading up on blues all week near Point O Woods with bass being taken on every trip as a bonus. One trip this week saw 60 bass averaging 8 to 12 pounds caught and released by fares. A 30 pound striper was taken from among the blues on Sunday.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reminded that he will begin codfishing on November 24th. He called the day bluefish action super with every trip producing full bags. Hi-hooks taking 50 to 60 blues per trip. Stripers also being taken with the blues with one trip this past week seeing over 100 bass to over 30 pounds caught and released. On Sunday, George reported they could have called it quits by 11AM with fares laden down with three to four bags per man. Fishing was being done off Point O Woods, tight to the beach, with diamond jigs.

Fishing in the bay left a lot to be desired on the weekend according to Fred Austin at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon.** However, boatmen who worked along the beach east of the inlet found a bonanza of blues and bass on A27 and A47 jig and tube combos. Some impressive bass were mixed with the blues and school bass. Pete Nowinski put bass of 50 and 30 pounds aboard his Miss Ellie. Tom Bonenberger reported a 30 pound cow aboard his Sweet Satisfaction. Gunther Santjen put 3 cod to 25 pounds aboard his Queen Mary while fishing an offshore wreck Saturday morning.

Over at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** Jimmy Schaefer reported fair flounder fishing this week with some decent catches made at Bergen Point, Amity Cut, Lindenhurst Cut and Squaw Island. Bloodworms and mussel chum have been the ticket. Billy Biscardi stopped to show a five gallon pail full of flatties which he took on Saturday near Squaw Island. Blackfishing was also labeled as fair with some tog still being taken at Kismet and the Sore Thumb. Charlie's continues to stock both fiddlers and green crabs. Bluefishing was red hot on the weekend for trollers and jiggers who worked along the beach from Kismet east. Most of the blues were 8 to 12 pounds and many boatmen reported lots of bass mixed with the blues. Joe Hirsch and Tom Lentz fished aboard the Speedy VII on Sunday night. They accounted for 48 blues from 8 to 16 pounds. Jimmy knew of a few cod now being picked

on the offshore wrecks and added that there are still decent numbers of sea bass on the Fire Island reef with blackfish beginning to dominate the action here.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo spoke of very good bluefishing with a lot of bass as well being taken by trollers and jiggers along the beach. Flounder fishing has been slow for most anglers but some local sharpies continue to average 1 to 2 dozen big flatties by working the drains. On Saturday, Joe Braun returned from an offshore wreck with 6 cod to 25 pounds.

Bob Rose, speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported that flounder fishing has been generally slow with a few exceptions. A couple of decent catches reported from the Squaw and West Island areas. Bob teamed with Fred Walters on his Reel Affair on Sunday to take 2 dozen flatties at the latter location. Ken Schmeider and Tom Wiswall aboard the Lady Marion took 5 cod to 25 pounds and a 30 pound pollock while working an offshore wreck on Saturday. They also had a nice mix of sea bass, porgies and blackfish. Several customers reported taking lots of blues and bass near Cherry Grove on Sunday. The fish were jigged and trolled tight to the beach.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Cod are starting to show slowly but surely, with a couple of party boats presently fishing daily and a few others starting this week. These are fish in the 20s being taken on wrecks. Combinations of blues, bass and some weakfish seem to still be parading in our local waters with the bluefish most all in the jumbo category. On the inside, it's still anybody's mixed catch of flounder, blackfish and small sea bass, though catches this week have been poor to fair.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh that flounder action was slow this week, with best catches being made in Massapequa Cove and off Florence Beach, boats averaging 5 to 12 flatties per boat. Even with those slim numbers, chumming was a necessity with outgoing water best. Blackfish action was fair on the inside to the tune of roughly 10 fish per boat on fiddlers. Best action was at the Big M and Jones Inlet jetty, fiddlers best. Still some bluefish in the State Channel between Big M and 3rd Wantagh on live bunker.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** has put the finishing touches on the bluefish season, catching loads of big choppers right up to the end. The boat has now switched over to cod and sea bass 6AM daily. With the water getting colder now and a few cod being picked here and there, the skipper expects to see a decent start to the codfish season.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** gave the results of the latest canyon tuna trip which sailed Sunday and returned Monday AM. Twenty mixed longfin albacore and yellowfin tuna to 100 lbs. were caught. Eleven fish were tallied up by Birgit Terrill, Wayne Miller and Gene Sweet. Bob and Rich Stark had 6 fish. The boat's last tuna trip for the year was Tuesday, November 18th.

Skipper Dick Hall of the **Super Spray II** says that his passengers had good fishing this past week with plenty of large blackfish along with a fair scattering of sea bass and porgies. On Sunday, two big cod were caught also in the 25 to 30 lb. range.

Over in Point Lookout, we learn from the **Captain Al** that all throughout the week and weekend his fares have been getting decent mixed bags of cod, sea bass, blues and blackfish.

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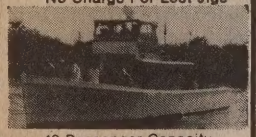

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Dogfish have not been found to be too bad and the quantities of sea bass and porgies have been generous. The biggest cod catch of the week was five on Sunday. Skipper Al Lindroth has now changed over to cod sailing at 5AM daily.

We hear from Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** regarding Sunday's trip to some of the local wrecks, providing excellent blackfishing. A 7 lb. tog took the pool for Steve Kearney while second place honors went to Angelo DiTerro with a 6 lb. 8 oz. black. There were many in the 3 to 5 lb. range. Four anglers accounted for over 100 togs. They also had some sea bass, ling and porgies. The skipper says he still has some choice blackfishing dates open.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** tells of Marion Kavinaugh catch of a 2 lb. pool flattie along with 14 others. Monday was a good day and Wednesday's PM trip had a high hook of 15 flounder. This was followed by poor weather and even poorer conditions, but things picked up again on Sunday's AM trip with over three 2 lb. flounder caught. On the PM trip, customers bagged over 100 nice flounder. Ron says all drops were local, using bloods and clam with the beginning of the flood best.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook spoke of the excellent blues and bass Monday and Tuesday off Cedar and Field 6. On the inside some flounder are being caught throughout Reynolds but nothing to write home about while blackfishing at the local bridges has been fair to good all around high slack on fiddlers and green crab. There are still plenty of bluefish around said Charlie, but mostly on the outside.

Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in Franklin Square fishing Sunday on his boat with Henry Silva and Mike Aubel Sr. and Jr. had over 90 mixed blues, weaks and bass, with

all bass released. Action was red hot from Jones to East Rockaway Inlet out into 30 feet of water. The fish greedily struck diamond jigs with green tubes best and a little red teaser about 3 feet up. Blues ran 3 to 12 lbs. You can see the water is still warm with the weakfish still hanging around.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach advises that off the local bridges some flounder and blackfish are still being caught. A 7 lb. blackfish was weighed in during the week.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle** passed on the word of good bluefishing locally with big fish being taken at the Slew, 17 and Farms. Best action is during the day on either bait or heavy jigs. There's been good blackfishing at Seabright and 17 Fathoms. Flounder fishing has been fair this week.

Lots of big bluefish being caught on every trip, said Captain Bob Wiegand of the **Flamingo III**. Fares are catching on either jigs or bait and there are very few dogfish around. Saturday saw very good bluefish action. Best areas have been along the Jersey Shore, off Seabright, at 17 and Farms. Bob says come on down now for the best bluefishing of the season.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

After winds dropped on Saturday afternoon, Sunday was a glorious day, and anglers who failed to take advantage of the weather may rue their decisions for the rest of the fall season. Sunday was excellent from east to west. Tautog were the principal catch, but bluefish action continues. Bass dominate the choppers, and flounder action was still spotty. All party craft will be taking a Thanksgiving holiday, but sailings continue at least through November 30th.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** liked the flounder action along local shorelines, but the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** felt that the best fishing was still for blackfish.

If bait supplies hold and weather remains tolerable, the City Island craft plan to sail into December. Dom Cerbone called Sunday "gorgeous" on the **Apache** with the second thirteen pound blackfish of the weekend and average catches of ten to fifteen tautog aboard. Ludlow Crichton had a 13.2 on Saturday in a catch of seven fish. Pool fish run over ten pounds on many days and there were eight such bulldogs in Sunday's coolers. Fishing was around Buoy 24C near Norwalk, and water depths ranged to seventy feet. Sinkers of eight to ten ounces were necessary for Sunday's moon tides. Fiddlers worked best on rocky bottoms with green crabs getting the nod over wrecks.

Betty Anderson said that the **North Star** had enjoyed a really good week between Stamford and Norwalk. Pool fish Sunday was a twelve pounder from deep water. Again, average catches were roughly fifteen per fare. Depths ranged to seventy feet until the tides began to run strongly.

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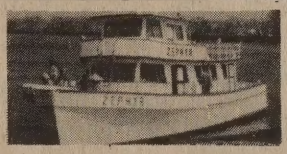

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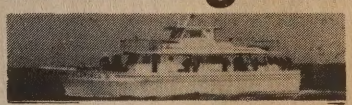

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Catches of thirty bass per trip were not unusual around the OB according to Corinne Valentine at **Four Winds**. DEC personnel were monitoring local bass catches during the weekend, too. There were large catches of blackfish to eight pounds, taken on the turn of the tide around Buoys 11B and 24C, according to the Cedar brothers, Bob and Jerry, from **Huntington Prop**. They sampled the action with a friend and added some sixty pounds of blues from cocktails to twelve pounds. George and Corinne Valentine cornered some flounder ten days ago in Lloyd Harbor and made a haul in ten

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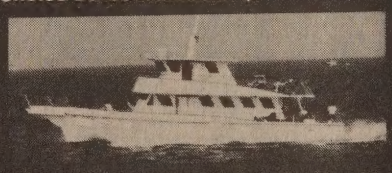

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to twelve feet of water after chumming heavily. Flatfish sizes were three fourths to one and a half pounds.

Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** said that there was some good fishing for tautog around local shorelines off Eatons, Hobart Beach and Makamha. Flounder fishing for fish in three quarter pounds was decent off Mill Dam, Centerport Beach and Northport.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** suggested that boat fishermen would do well to chum in the town dock area for flounder. Asharoken had a nice burst of bluefish action along with bass on Wednesday afternoon. Biggest bluefish were fourteen pounds. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** had a great day off the Middle Grounds on Sunday. Tautog were in deeper water to sixty-four feet and there were only a few scup left. Buoy 11 in Port Jefferson had lots of little bluefish and bass to ten to twelve pounds. Best jigging was obtained with AVA-27's.

With bunker gone from the beaches, the fall herring run has begun, according to the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Jigging is tops around Port Jeff. Roy Cash on the **Port Jeff Ace** had a very good week except for Thursday when winds kept the boat off the water. Even Tuesday and Friday saw spectacular high hooks. Some two-hundred pounds of tautog were pulled on Sunday, but this catch did not spread too well among a crowd of sixty, especially in the strong tides. The Ace is now catching in deeper spots that range to 115 feet with the best tautog of the week just under ten pounds and many fish in the seven pound class. As long as crowds continue, Cash will be sailing daily into December.

Sound Charter's Captain John Alberda reported the release of 102 bass, the catch of 220 bluefish to sixteen pounds on a charter with Don Goodman and his friend last Tuesday. The fish were all caught on jigs, in the pouring rain. Saturday's charter with Doc Dougherty and his friends, released 110 bass to eighteen pounds, then settled in for a nice catch of blackfish at Buoy 28C. Most fish kept were over five pounds, the largest eight. Ira Kanarick and his son Glenn released sixty-five bass, caught blues to ten pounds. Captain Alberda will take charters through the end of November.

NORTH FORK

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** in **Southold**, said lots of people are trying the Peconics for flounder, but the bays do not seem to be producing well. The Gut is still loaded with bass and bluefish.

Although the **Mattituck Fishing Station** and the **Mattituck Inlet Station** have closed for the season, Bob Ceglowski still has a couple of charters left with the **Captain Bob** on November 30th and December 6th.

Jack Reilly Jr. decked this pool winning 20 plus pound blue aboard the Point Lookout based open boat, "Capt. Al."

Bob and Eva Caffiero with their catch of 21 blacks and 11 sea bass taken near the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddlers. The couple did their fishing out of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

Ceglowski caught well off the Inlet the day before Veterans Day and found some fantastic action on tautog to nine pounds along with a few huge scup on hermit crabs. Fishing was in fourty feet of water off the Firing Range.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said that Dick Nemschik had another good catch of flounders. She advised that the **Peconic Star** and **Brand X** had done really well on blackfish in recent days.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** felt that the tautog fishing has become "the best so far. Fish are finally there, where they should be." Weekend crowds have been only twenty to thirty passangers, but they are seeing fish over ten pounds. Vito Mannino of Holbrook had a twelve and a half pounder on Sunday. Not everybody caught in the strong full moon tides, but the bow had an "unbelieveable" shot with some doubleheaders on at least one drop.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** thought that Sunday was his "best day in four years" for tautog. There were a dozen fish in the ten pound class with a lot between six and ten pounds. Ciccotto took twenty-five tautog himself. Fishing was in fourty-five feet of water with hermits and greens. John Rainis had a great day on Wednesday off the North side of Fisher's Island. Sailings now are on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through November 30th with Ciccotto at the helm.

Most of Orient Harbor may have been picked clean by commercial dragging. Although there seem to be a very few good sized flatties in Petty's Bight, numbers are not inspiring.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Some very good bass action, including the catch and release of a cow that bottomed out a 60 lb. Chatillon scale at Montauk, kept casters busy this week. Blues also provided some good moments in the suds but the big choppers have been less consistent than in recent years. Most veteran surfmen feel the best bluefishing is yet to come and this could very well be the week. The hottest action with big bass and blues last fall on the south shore, occurred

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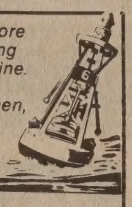

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Montauk casters cashed in on Friday night as another shot of big bass moved past the Point. According to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, hard fishing Dennis O'Connel used a Gibbs through wire Needlefish to beach a striper which bottomed out a fellow caster's 60 lb. Chatillon scale. The same night, Steve Bunai added to his already impressive fall totals by using Needlefish plugs to take 6 stripers in the 40 lb. class. Several other casters shared in the action, which was centered between North and False Bar. Johnny added that there was good action with school bass with rumors of a 40 lber. taken along with bluefish on the sand beach near Hither Hills on the weekend. Blues are still available in Turtle Cove with plenty of action reported even during Thursday's northwest gale.

Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle in** Patchogue reported that Fire Island National Seashore continued to produce lots of bass during the week. The weekend was very slow at both FINS and Smith Point though several big bass were taken prior to dawn on Saturday at Long Cove. Some of the

Mindy Gabriel beached this 12 lb. 6 oz. tiderunner weak at Caumsett State Park back on May 31st. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

better fish reported during the week included an 18.11 lb. blue for Glen Norcross. It was taken on a bunker chunk at Smith Point. Great South Bay angler club member Dick Bianca beached a 30 lb. striper at FINS. Billy Kobel used a bunker chunk to take a 48 lb. cow to the east of Smith Point on Tuesday morning and returned that night to take a 25 lber. There was a blitz of big blues along FINS on Thursday with many casters racking up good scores of 12 to 17 lb. blues. While Saturday and Sunday's surf action left a lot to be desired in most areas, casters with access to Fire Island, particularly in the Davis Park area, found all the bass they wanted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Most ranged from 5 to 15 lbs., but fish to 50 lbs. were rumored to have been taken. The only access to the communities is by residents, private boat or for builders with vehicle permits.

From his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentshel said that he has been spending his time at FINS and in the past couple of weeks has recorded more than 200 stripers. He had a number of good stripers to report from this past week. Back on Tuesday, Jenny Tyrer used a green back Bomber to take bass of 17 and 25 lbs. Rich Meola settled for a 22 lber. On Saturday, Steve Morris beached his biggest bass ever, a 48 lb. cow. Also on Saturday and close by to Steve were Dick Ryan and Bob Fabb. Dick clicked with a 39 lber., while Bob nailed a 26 lb. striper. Bombers did the trick in each case. This Monday morning, Stan put a fish on the scale (on the beach) for Tom Westerly. Tom used a jig and red tube combo to take a 32 lb. bass at FINS. Locally, Stan said that there are still plenty of blues ranging anywhere from 3 to 18 lbs. along the beach. School bass are

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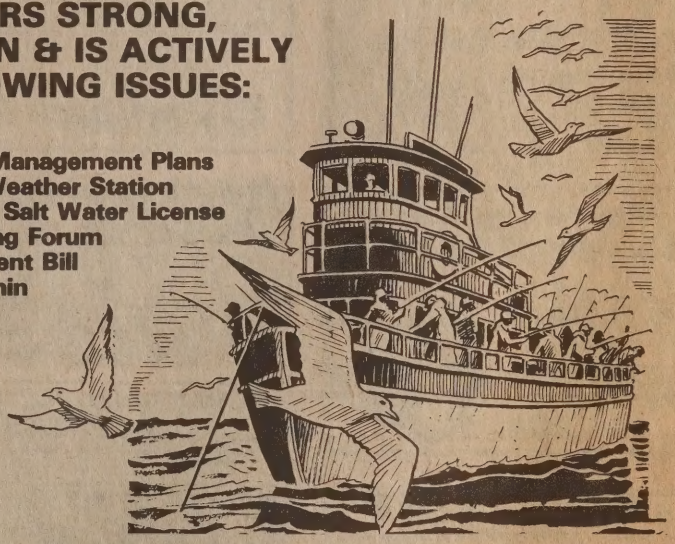

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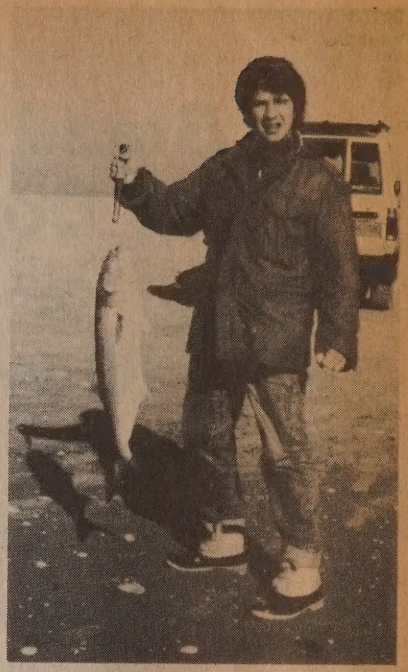

Chris Biano beached this nice blue in the Cedar Beach surf on a bunker chunk back in September.

mixed with them and both are being taken on Pencil Poppers in the early AM. School bass taking droppers ahead of swimming plugs after dark.

According to Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait and Tackle** there's some good bluefishing during the week at Robert Moses fields 2, 3 and 4, but the weekend was a tough one. There was a good flurry of big blues at parking field 6 on Sunday, otherwise the weekend was a bust. Wednesday and Thursday were particularly good at Robert Moses and a few bass were mixed among the blues. One regular, Andy, used a diamond jig and red tube combo to drill a 50 lb. cow from the parking field 4 surf on Thursday.

Jimmy Shafer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst reported a slow week locally despite some good bluefish action during the week. His best report, however, came from the North Shore where Michael Shahnamian, Hal Stein, Chris Crowley and Tony Catalano used tin and white tubes in the early AM to take 32 blues from 8 to 15 lbs. along with bass of 18, 22 and 26 lbs. The group did their fishing at Sunken Meadow during the week.

Steve Pascale and Pat and Joe Grasso told Bob Rose at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor that they used large frozen sand eels to take a load of blues and 14 bass to 12 lbs. from the Montauk surf on Veteran's Day. Bob knew only that the trio fished somewhere on Montauk's south side.

Gateway Striper Club member Anthony LoRe reported on the activities of fellow club members this week. He relayed word that Gene Levine, Ron Turbin and Ed Wolf accounted for 10 stripers from 14 to 35

lbs. at the Point from Friday night to Saturday morning at the Point. They, too, used needlefish. Another club member, Jim Kerrigan, caught the tail end of a bluefish blitz at Jones Beach parking field 6 Sunday afternoon. He beached a 16 lb. chopper, but reported that another caster landed a 21 lb. blue which was weighed on the beach. Jim McKay has been picking away at bass in the 9 to 11 lb. class down in the Rockaways. He's been working the jetties in the early AM with Bombers and Redfins. Anthony also managed to get in his licks on the weekend. He teamed with Shelly Krongard on Sunday morning to take 12 blues from 5 to 15 lbs. on pencil poppers east of the Breezy Point Jetty.

Up on the North Fork, Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aqueb ogue reported blues to 15 lbs. on tin and bait from Riverhead east to Kenney's Beach. Ace Cottral of **Port of Egypt** in Southold reported a lot of blues to 14 lbs. at Trumans Beach and said he weighed an 18 lber. taken at McCabe's during the week.

Members of the Patchogue Fishing Club and Great South Bay Anglers Club squared off in an interclub derby over the weekend. Scene of the affair was Smith Point and Fire Island National Seashore. Despite poor fishing on both days, several very respectable fish were taken by competing members to help settle the derby. In the striped bass division, Great South Bay member Glen Nehrbass took the top spot with a 31 lber. Neil Sluiter, also of Great South Bay, finished second with a 24 lber., while Steve Musso, Jr. of the Patchogue Club took third with a 12¾ lb. bass. Patchogue Fishing Club swept the bluefish category led by George Remien's 13.10 lber. Right behind him was Gary Maher with a 13.1 and Rich Gearity with a 13 lb. even. Following the event, participating anglers rehashed the weekend's events over six foot heroes. A special thanks to Hopkins, Super Lube, All Tackle Distributors, Al's Feathers and Gag's Grabber for donating prizes.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

Sharp cold and high winds brought freshwater fishing to a virtual standstill early in the week. By the weekend, however, anglers were again picking at token numbers of bass, pickerel and trout. Yellow perch fishing continues strong in Lace Mill Pond and Swan Lake, Patchogue, but catches in Lake Ronkonkoma dropped

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Dr. Ron Levy lifts the 85 lb. tarpon he caught during a trip to Everglades City, Florida. Subscriber photo.

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Andy and Matt Zimmerman with four brook trout caught on a trip to Callicoon Creek with their dad Bob and Uncle Dave.

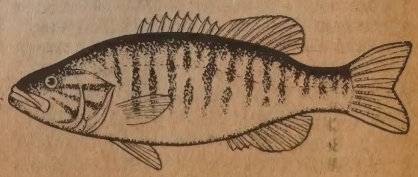
off the pace. Since freshwater reports are becoming difficult to come by, and will likely continue to decrease as "Old Man Winter" begins to set up house, this will be the last "Freshwater Report" of the year. Any other freshwater information will be passed along in the appropriate fishing report. This column will resume early next spring.

George at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, informs us that a few anglers are still picking away at bass, crappies and pickerel in both the Twin Lakes and Mill Pond. Killies are the bait of choice at the moment. Rob Nathan worked the waters of Karoon's Lake with live killies over the weekend and scored with three keeper sized fish.

From Phil at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, we learned that John Kronemberg used a small Bomber to nail a 4.5 pound largemouth last Wednesday. A few anglers are still taking yellow perch at the same location. The usual action is available at Bubbles Falls with anglers fishing through a lot of small trout to cull out an occasional two pounder. No word of sea runs or white perch.

At **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, John confirmed that anglers are working Lace Mill Pond for a few fish. John also mentioned that there has been some surprisingly solid fishing for small trout in the tidal section of the Carmen's River.

Mrs. Devlin stood guard over the rental boats at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, during the course of the week. Even though a few anglers were willing to give it a go, she had to keep the boats on shore because the river had iced up. Now might be a good time, however, to give those Peconic River yellow perch a try.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:40	10:15	10:40	11:05	10:25	11:10	11:20	—	1:15	1:05	1:15	1:20	9:50	10:15	11/20
FRI.	10:20	11:00	11:25	11:50	11:50	—	12:10	12:05	1:45	1:45	1:55	2:00	10:35	11:05	11/21
SAT.	11:05	11:55	—	12:10	12:05	12:05	1:00	12:55	2:25	2:25	2:35	2:50	11:25	—	11/22
SUN.	11:55	—	12:40	1:00	12:40	12:40	1:55	1:50	3:10	3:15	3:25	3:40	12:05	12:20	11/23
MON.	12:45	12:45	1:35	1:55	1:35	1:30	2:55	2:50	4:00	4:15	4:15	4:34	12:55	1:15	11/24
TUES.	1:40	1:45	2:30	2:45	2:20	2:20	3:45	3:50	4:50	5:10	5:05	5:25	1:55	2:15	11/25
WED.	2:40	2:50	3:30	3:45	3:15	3:20	4:35	4:45	5:45	6:10	6:00	6:20	2:45	3:05	11/26
THURS.	3:40	3:50	4:20	4:40	4:10	4:25	5:15	5:40	6:40	7:10	6:50	7:15	3:40	4:00	11/27

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/20	6:56	4:36
FRI. 11/21	6:57	4:35
SAT. 11/22	6:58	4:34
SUN. 11/23	7:00	4:33
MON. 11/24	7:01	4:32
TUE. 11/25	7:02	4:30
WED. 11/26	7:03	4:31

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/20	7:30PM	10:45AM
FRI. 11/21	8:30PM	11:25AM
SAT. 11/22	9:35PM	12:05PM
SUN. 11/23	10:40PM	12:30PM
MON. 11/24	11:45PM	12:55PM
TUE. 11/25	—	1:15PM
WED. 11/26	12:50AM	1:35PM

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12/1	12/8	11/16	11/24

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Sat.	9:20	**3:10**	9:45	**3:30**
Sun.	10:10	**4:00**	10:35	**4:20**
Mon.	11:00	**4:50**	11:25	**5:10**
Tues.	11:40	**5:30**	—	**5:50**
Wed.	12:05	**6:05**	12:15	**6:30**
Thurs.	12:45	**6:45**	12:55	**7:10**

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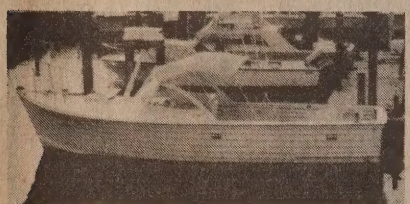

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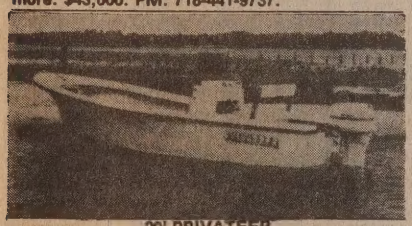

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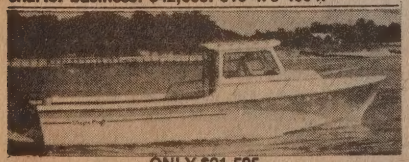

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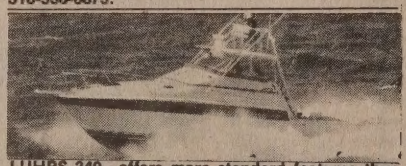

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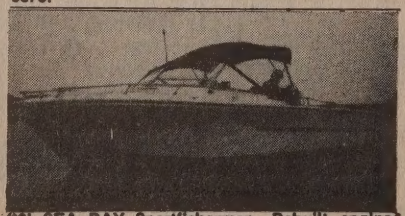

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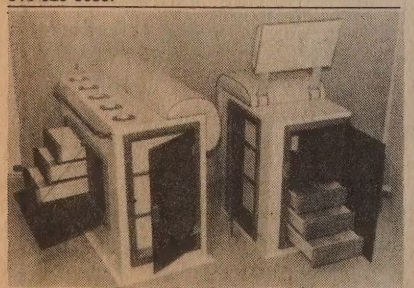

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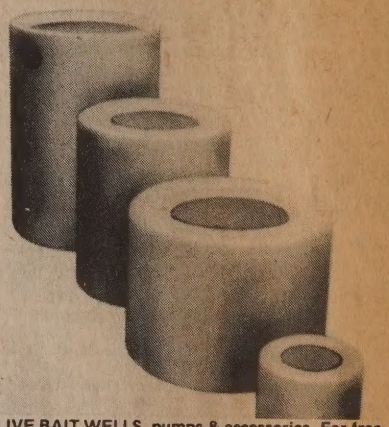

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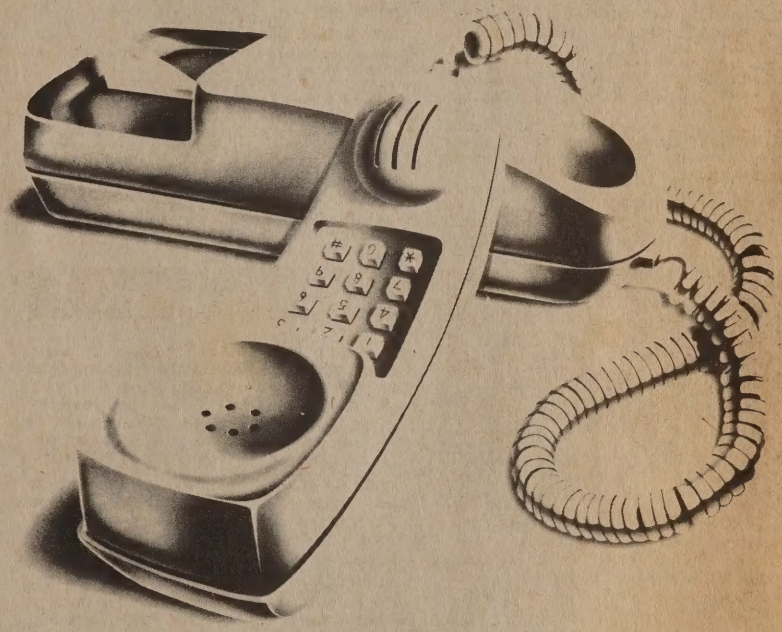

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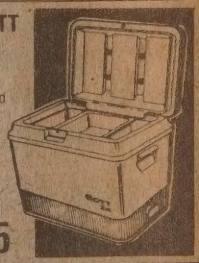

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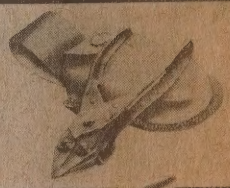

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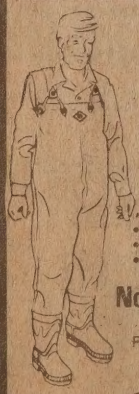

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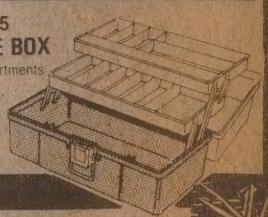

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